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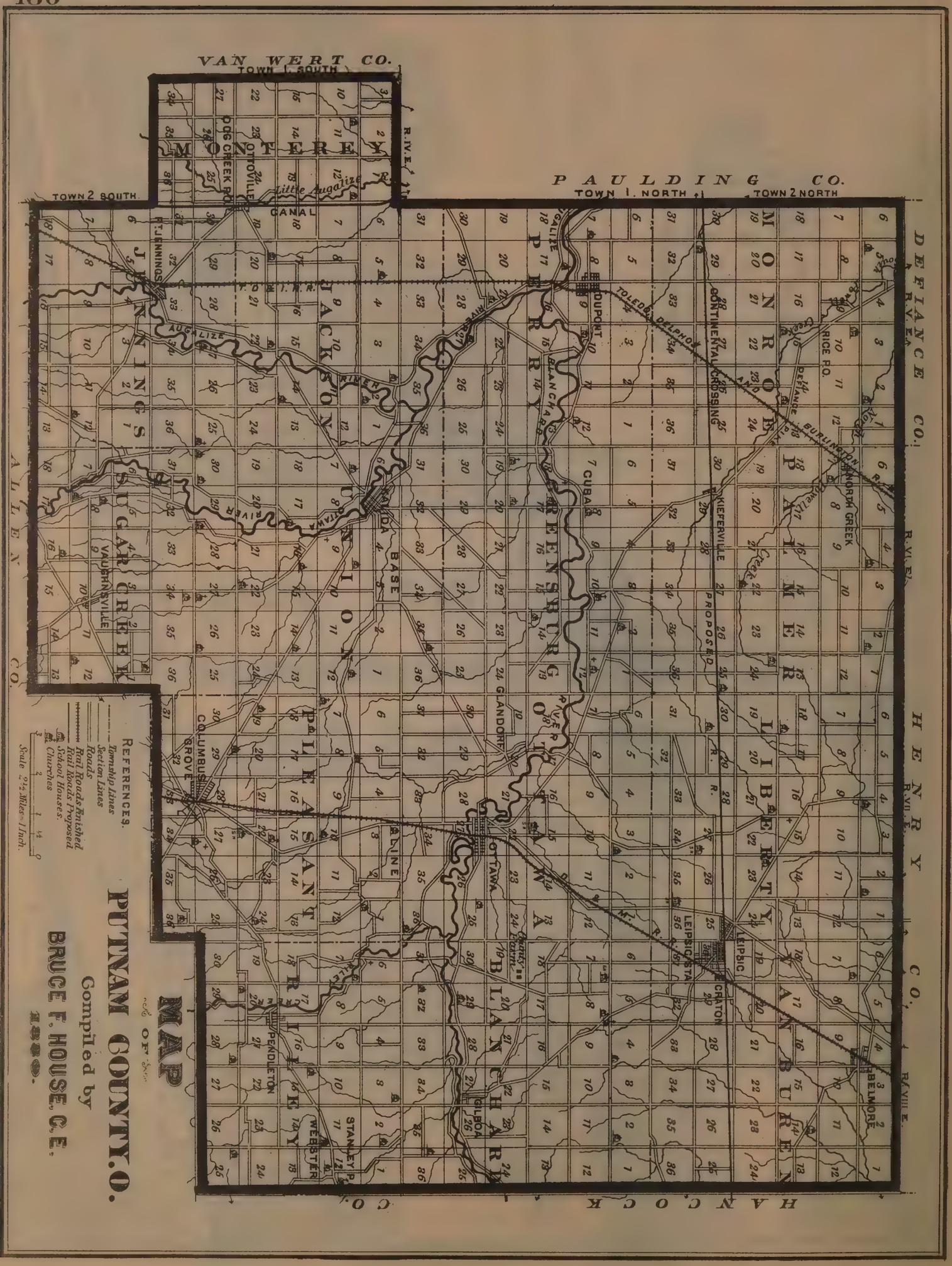

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NORTHWESTERN OHIO.

THE historic material of Northwestern Ohio is too voluminous to be given in detail in a work of this kind. Rather than present a dry chronologic table, we prefer to briefly review and discuss the causes which have made the country what it is.

To understand more clearly its physical characteristics, we first consider some of the facts and theories of the science of geology, which teaches us that "the sea is the mother of continents," that "what we know as *terra firma* is a type of instability, that all lands are constantly undergoing changes of level," that "over all the continents the sea has rolled, not once, but many times." Geology teaches us that during each period of submergence the primitive rocks were overlaid with a series of stratified rocks composed mainly of the sediment of the ocean. As the southeastern part of North America emerged the second time from the great Silurian Sea, which had extended west to the Rocky Mountains, and north to the primitive hills of British America, the retiring flood left immense rock-bound lakes of salt water, covering a large portion of the continent. As those "dead seas" evaporated, their mineral and organic matter solidified, and formed a thick stratum of rock, which geologists have named the "water-line" stratum. This is now the topmost layer of rock underlying a large portion of the west half of Ohio. It is the "bed-rock" of Northwestern Ohio, excepting only a narrow strip along its eastern boundary, where an older stratum is exposed, and the northwestern corner, where the edges of the strata of a later formation appear.

After the water-lime rock was deposited, the continent was again repeatedly deluged, but it is supposed that the subsequent formations in this region were comparatively thin, for an upheaval of the crust of the earth had occurred, forming a low mountain range stretching from the highlands of Canada to the southern boundary of Tennessee. This bulge was caused by the contraction attending the cooling of the earth, and the pressure of the oceans on either side of the continent. This ancient ridge is known among geologists as the "Cincinnati Arch," the "anti-clinal" which separates the coal-beds of the Alleghanies from those of Illinois. The axis of the Cincinnati Arch was over Sandusky County, or a little east of Wood County, from which the rocky strata sloped to the east and west.

Passing the age of fishes, the age of amphibians (during which the coal-beds were formed), the age of reptiles, and the first period of the age of mammals, we come to the "glacial" epoch, the beginning of a geological period in which the topography of the continent, especially of this region, was materially modified. Geologically, this period is one of the latest; but, compared with human history, it is immeasurably remote.

Many theories are advanced, but geologists do not yet agree as to the causes of this remarkable change of climate, from the tropical heat which had previously prevailed over nearly the whole of the northern hemisphere, to the constant cold of an Arctic winter. Gradually the temperature of the frigid zone crept southward until the entire continent, from the north pole to the latitude of Cincinnati, was wrapped in one vast field of ice, hundreds, perhaps thousands of feet deep. As the continental glacier came southward, it stopped the flow of the St. Lawrence River, and turned the surplus water of the great lake basin into the Ohio and Mississippi, and even after attaining its most southern limits it was not stationary. Like the alpine glaciers of the present epoch, which move forward ten or twelve inches every day, it had some of the properties of both a fluid and a solid. In its slow, but constant and irresistible motion toward the equator, it ground mountains to powder, and scooped out great basins and valleys. Its southern margin was not a straight line, but, becoming thinner as it advanced southward, it was modified by the ancient topography, and presented a scolloped edge. Separating into distinct streams, one glacier, striking the watershed north of the Ohio River, moved westerly, scooping out the basin of Lake Erie, and grinding down the apex of the Cincinnati Arch, which at this point was never much elevated above the general level. Thence, turning southward again, it swept, with a regular curve, through the Maumee and Miami Valleys to the Ohio River. As the southern edge melted and flowed toward the Gulf of Mexico, the vast field was pressed forward by the accumulations of ice in more northern latitudes. Thus this stupendous agent was constantly at work, during thousands of years, slowly but surely performing its task toward fitting the earth for the habitation of man. The surface rocks were planed down, and the loose material broken into boulders, rolled into pebbles, or ground to sand, or the impalpable powder of the finest clay. In the bottom of the glacier this debris was imbedded, the sharp rocks and frozen sand forming the face of a huge rasp, which has left its marks on the face of the bed-rock in almost every part of the continent north of the fortieth degree of latitude.

One of the effects of the action of glaciers, is the formation of ridges and hills of debris, known as "moraines." As the ice thaws, the imbedded boulders, gravel and sand is freed, and the lighter portions are carried off by the glacial streams, while the coarser material remains where it fell. As this process goes on, the glacier moves forward to supply the place of the melted ice. Should these opposing forces be in equilibrium, the edge of the glacier remains stationary, and in the course of time a ridge is deposited called by geologists a "terminal moraine." Such a ridge now forms the western and southwestern boundary of the "Black Swamp," and ever since its deposit, has exercised an important influence on the physical character of the Maumee Valley.

At the close of the Great Winter and the beginning of the Great Spring, the margin of the glacier of the Miami and Maumee Valleys moved slowly northward, until it rested at the points now occupied by Hudson, Mich., Fort Wayne, Ind., and Kenton, O., extending farther south than Lima and Van Wert. The edge of the glacier corresponded in general outline with the present shore of the western end of Lake Erie, and parallel with it. During an extended period, the climatic influences were so nearly in equilibrium, that the margin of the glacier remained nearly stationary, the glaciers during the same period grinding and leveling the Maumee Valley, and depositing a "terminal moraine," which is now recognized as the boundary of the "Black Swamp." Just outside of this moraine, and parallel with it, are the St. Joseph and St. Mary Rivers—the former rising in Michigan and flowing southwest; the latter flowing from Ohio in a northwest direction—which rivers meet at Fort Wayne, and their united waters forming the Maumee, thence turn northeast, and cutting through a gap in the ridge, flow in the same direction to the head of Lake Erie. The height of this moraine above the present general level, is from twenty-five to fifty feet, and its width from four to eight miles. It is composed of coarse gravel and loose boulders, and undoubtedly marks the edge of the ancient ice-field, which, during a long period, lingered in the Maumee Valley.

Another expansion of the Torrid Zone drove the ice farther north, leaving the great lake basin, which it had excavated or deepened, filled and overflowing with water, forming one vast inland sea of fresh water, and covering the peninsula of Upper Canada and the two peninsulas of Michigan.

Still the ancient outlet of this system of drainage, through the lower valley of the St. Lawrence, was completely dammed by mountains of solid ice, and during another long period the surplus water of the great fresh water sea flowed into the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. This theory is sustained by the appearance of certain gaps or gorges through the present watershed, separating the lake basin from the Mississippi and Ohio Valleys. One of these gorges connects the valley of Grand River, in the eastern part of the State, with the Beaver Valley, through the Mahoning; another connects the headwaters of the Cuyahoga with the valley of the Muskingum; the third lies between the St. Mary and the Big Miami. Lake Michigan was drained into the Mississippi by two routes—through the valleys of the Illinois and the Wisconsin. The water then stood at least 350 feet higher than the present lake level.

Another depression of the southern half of the continent—another deluge—and we have the iceberg era. Enormous masses of ice broke off from the great northern glacier, and floated with the winds and currents into more temperate latitudes, where, slowly melting, their imprisoned rocks and pebbles were deposited upon the surface of the glacial debris, which in turn rests upon the face of the solid rock, planed down by the ice-fields of the preceding period. The interstices of each of these strata of coarse material are partially filled with sediment precipitated from the water above it, and the entire stratum is designated "Erie Clay." This deposit occasionally appears in the form of detached hills or mounds, and irregular ridges caused by the stranding of an iceberg in shallow water, and the consequent deposition of its entire burden in one place. Many of the ridges and knolls of Northwestern Ohio may thus be accounted for.

Succeeding the deposit of the iceberg drift, next came the final, and as yet, permanent elevation of the continent above the ocean level; and again we find the great lake basin full to the brim, the water standing from 300 to 500 feet higher than at present. At just what period the drainage of the lakes was again turned into the lower St. Lawrence can not now be determined. Referring to this subject, Professor Gilbert suggests that the withdrawal of the waters of the ocean was attended with "considerable vertical movements of the land," and attempts to account for various subsequent phenomena on the same hypothesis. Speaking of these supposed local elevations and depressions, he says: "They did not cease with that event, but have continued, either at intervals or perpetually, to the present time. Their effect on the lake basin has been to so elevate and depress its rim at various points, that, not only has the elevation of the outlet been frequently changed, but it has even been transferred from point to point of the low rim. * * * In the intervals of repose, the waves have marked beach lines on the shores at the successive water stages, some of which have been above and others below the present levels of the various lakes." Many of the ancient lake beaches were partially or wholly obliterated by subsequent temporary elevations of the lake level; but between the head of the lake and the great terminal moraine above referred to, at least four distinct shore-lines may now be easily traced. These old lake beaches appear as low gravelly ridges traversing the Black Swamp in regular concentric curves, approximately parallel with the present lake shore.

Professor Gilbert says: "The Maumee Valley is well adapted to the display of these beaches, since in its easy slopes they are so broadly separated that they can be traced without confusion, and in its soft drift they were inevitably modeled at every stage of the water's lingering. The first, or highest beach, marks a water level at least 220 feet above Lake Erie. It is within, and nearly parallel with, the moraine inclosing the Maumee Valley. We find that it enters the northwest corner of the State, from Michigan, and traversing diagonally the counties of Fulton, Williams, and Defiance, in a southwest direction, enters Indiana and crosses the Maumee River near Fort Wayne. Thence, curving to the south and east, it traverses Van Wert, Allen, Hancock, and Seneca Counties, and thence on around the entire south shore of the lake to the high land of western New York." Mr. Klippart says of this ridge: "From the western portion of Cuyahoga County, one may travel on this ancient beach—for it is a good road throughout almost its entire length—250 miles, by way of Tiffin, Findlay, and Fort Wayne, and through the Counties of Defiance, Williams, and Fulton, to the State of Michigan, and not be subject to an extreme range of seventy-five feet of variation in elevation in the entire distance," and as much may be said of the same ridge east of Cleveland. From Fort Findlay to Fort Wayne, in the early settlement of the Black Swamp, a wagon road was laid out on this old lake beach, passing through Columbus Grove, Delphos, and Van Wert, and it is still one of the best roads in the country.

At the time this beach was formed, although our great inland sea was approximating its present divisions into separate lakes, Erie and Huron were one, and undoubtedly discharged their surplus water through the Wabash Valley into the Ohio River. "After flowing thus for ages, this river—which never had a name and no man ever saw—ran dry and ceased to be, for by the cutting down of some other outlet, or the warping of the crust of the earth, the surplus water of the lakes was drained in another direction."

Next in importance is the ridge north of the Blanchard Fork of Auglaize. West of the Maumee its general course is parallel with the first beach. Crossing the river at Defiance, it curves eastward in at least three separate ridges, one of which gives direction to the flow of the Blanchard and forms the watershed between that stream and the several branches of the Portage. (The nucleus of this ridge is probably a moraine. One of these ridges traverses a part of Wood County, crosses the south part, and thence in a northeast direction through the center.) Another branch of this ridge leaves the principal ridge east of Defiance, and passing southeast around the headwaters of Turkey Foot and Beaver Creeks, turns northwest, separating the drainage of those streams from that of the Portage, and giving direction to the north branch of the Portage, passes diagonally across Wood County.

Wood County has other superficial ridges, knolls, mounds, etc., the origin of which may be easily accounted for by any one familiar with the effects of winds, currents, and waves in our lakes.

But, comparatively, these accumulations of sand and gravel are recent. Underlying them, and above the coarse gravel resting upon the bed-rock, is a thick stratum of fine clay, which is the foundation of the agricultural resources of the Black Swamp region. Immediately following the iceberg deposits, and when the waters of Lake Erie extended over the entire Maumee Valley, to the depth of two hundred feet, this bed of clay began to accumulate in the form of fine sediment.

The great glacier, which "flowed" downward (now upward) through the basin of Lake Erie and the Valley of the Maumee, rasped down the topmost layers of the solid rock, exposing on the eastern edge of Wood County and in the western part of Seneca and Sandusky Counties, a stratum of "Niagara" limestone. This exposure lies under the axis of the Cincinnati Arch. Wood County is on the westward slope of the arch or ridge, and is, therefore, on the cut ridge—the beveled edge—of the next higher stratum, the waterlime rock. In the western part of Wood County is left exposed the edge of the next stratum, called the Oriskany sandstone, which at this point is thin. This stratum crosses the Maumee above Perrysburg, and after a southerly course towards the center of the county, turns southwest between the Portage and Beacon Creek, and leaves the county at the southwest corner. Between this and the Maumee is the broad edge, or "outcrop," of the corniferous stratum of

limestone, and along the river is the thin edge of the Hamilton limestone and shale. All these strata "dip," or slope, northwest.

But the glacier did not leave the Maumee Valley as we now see it—with a plane surface, gently inclined toward the northeast. The sheet of ice occasionally came in contact with an obdurate point or strip of rock harder than that surrounding it. Bearing in mind that glaciers possess some of the properties of both fluid and solid substances, it is readily understood how such obstacles produced temporary digressions of the principal current, cross currents, and even counter currents and eddies. Were the superincumbent "drift" removed, we would behold the bed-rock—the surface as moulded by glacial action—presenting a very irregular and fantastic aspect. We would see broad plateaus as smooth as a floor, with occasional valleys into which the descent, from one side, would be gentle and easy, and on the other would be bounded by a perpendicular or overhanging cliff. Projecting high above the general level are ragged knobs, pinnacles, and irregular ridges.

These inequalities of the surface were partially "leveled up" with glacial debris and iceberg drift; but the work was finished during the succeeding period by the deposit of clay from the deep and quiet waters of the great inland sea. Slowly and gently it settled in the form of sediment, impalpably fine, but none the less substantial, gathering at the bottom, at first as slimy ooze, but gradually compressed, by constant accumulations of the same material, into a compact bed of clay. Year after year, ages, centuries, millennium succeeding millennium, the work went slowly on to perfect completion; and when, like a deep and gentle fall of snow, all inequalities of surface were leveled, all rough and forbidding features hidden as with the mantle of charity, the waters retired to other tasks.

It is to this bed of clay, then, that the topography of Northwestern Ohio owes its chief characteristic—its plain, almost level surface.

After the peace between France and England, which lasted nearly thirty years, "King George's War" began in 1744, and terminated in 1748 by the treaty at Aix-la-Chapelle, which still left undecided the boundary between the American possessions of those two great nations. But, whether the parent nations were at war or peace, appeared to matter little to their colonies in this contest, which continued with varying success in the form of petty campaigns on the frontiers, instigated on either side by those engaged in trading with the savages. The various tribes were arrayed on one side or the other. Sometimes the conflict would be among the Indians almost exclusively, at other times the Indians, in sympathy with the French, would make a raid on the frontier English settlements, and occasionally the pioneers and English traders would retaliate by advancing into the Indian territory.

The English colonies, which at first had been struggling for bare existence with the surrounding savages, and which had joined in England's campaigns against Canada on compulsion or in self-defense, had by this time increased in population and wealth, and began to look westward, with some concern, upon the encroachments of the French. The emigration from Europe to the English colonies had greatly exceeded that to Canada; and this population was concentrated, with the consequent advantages of education, religious culture and wealth. The French colonists were widely distributed, fewer in number, and being almost exclusively devoted to commerce with the Indians, had given but little attention to popular education, had few towns, or centers of opinion, and had, in fact, been rapidly deteriorating under their peculiar surroundings. The very circumstances and peculiarities of character which had enabled them so readily to adapt themselves to the Indian customs, and thereby to gain their friendship and co-operation in preceding wars, were now to prove of doubtful advantage. They had lost much of their European civilization, by long contact and familiar affiliation with the savages. The colonial power was concentrated at the center of the circle, while the Canadians were compelled to keep up and defend a long line of fortified posts on the circumference.

The petty warfare in the region between the Upper Ohio and Lake Erie continued—a constant succession of irresponsible massacres and murders committed almost indiscriminately by the heterogeneous, floating population, a large percentage of which was composed of desperate criminals—renegades from justice in the colonies and the European states. Many of these had joined the Indian tribes, and by their superior intelligence, became dangerous agents of reckless, mercenary traders.

As the inevitable, final conflict approached, every trading post, fortification or settlement started by either party on the ground between the Alleghenies and Maumee, was soon destroyed by the other, or by Indians instigated by the opposite party. This constant turmoil and strife for possession of the disputed territory, served as a school for the hardy frontiersmen, preparing them for the terrible war which soon followed. The topography of the country was well understood. The French laid out a road from Detroit to the Ohio River by the way of the foot of the lower rapids of the Maumee, and the foot of the lower rapids of the Sandusky—fifty years before Anthony Wayne exacted from the conquered Indians the right of way over the same route for a military road.

The Ohio Company, composed of influential men of London and Virginia, obtained a charter from the English Government, with a grant of 6,000 acres of land on the Ohio River, to carry on the fur trade with the Indians. By virtue of the discoveries of the Cabots, the English Government claimed all the land between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, limited only by the parallels of latitude bounding their colonies on the Atlantic coast. France claimed all west of the Allegheny Mountains—all the region drained by the Mississippi, which stream they had first explored, and all the territory drained by the upper lakes, for the same reason.

When the Ohio Company began its preliminary surveys, the Governor of Canada protested, and commenced the construction of a line of military posts from the south shore of Lake Erie to the confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers,—beginning at Erie and terminating at Pittsburgh. The names of these forts were Presque Isle, Le Bœuf, Venango, Kittaning, and Du Quesne. The last named had been commenced by the Ohio Company, but before it was finished a party of French and Indians took possession, completed and occupied it.

The French, now in possession of the entire territory north and west of the Ohio River, and all negotiations failing, the French and Indian war began late in the year 1753. Until May, 1756, it was confined to America, and although assisted by their respective home governments, it was conducted mainly by and between the French and English colonies. During the first four years of the war, the French were generally successful; but, when, in 1758, the elder Pitt was placed at the head of the English administration, under his wise and vigorous management of the war, the tide of success immediately turned, the English achieving one victory after another, until the whole of Canada fell into their possession. The war closed in 1763, when, by the treaty of peace, made at Paris, France ceded to England all her American possessions east of the Mississippi. By this treaty, the beautiful Maumee, which had been so profitable to her subjects in time of peace, and such a source of strength in war, passed forever from her dominion. Thus ended French jurisdiction in Western Ohio.

During the French and Indian War the Maumee River, in connection with the Wabash, was an important military route for the French. These rivers, with the Lower Ohio, formed a short, safe, and easy passage from the Mississippi to Lake Erie. The route by the Upper Ohio River and the Allegheny to Presque Isle (Erie) was longer, more difficult, and too near the frontier settlements of Pennsylvania and Virginia to be safe at all times. The land route between the two important forts, Detroit and Du Quesne (Pittsburgh), was in almost constant use. That crossed the Maumee at the foot of the lower rapids, thence through the swamp, on the dryest land, to the Portage at several convenient points below Woodville, thence to the ford at the foot of the lower rapids of the Sandusky, whence the trail led on the high land near the headwaters of the small streams to the headwaters of the Muskingum. Another route followed the Portage or the Sandusky River to the rocky point of the peninsula north of Sandusky Bay, crossed the narrow strait between the bay and Lake Erie, and followed the lake shore to the Cuyahoga. There is a tradition that the entrance to Sandusky Bay was formerly fordable. The Maumee and Western Reserve Road is therefore a natural highway around the head of Lake Erie, between the north and the south, the east and the west, and before the age of canals and railroads, and especially before the streams were bridged and the roads improved, it was of great importance as a military and commercial route. That this was the best, and almost the only practicable military and commercial route at that time, is seen by a glance at the map. The head of Lake Erie extends so far southward as to compel a *detour* from the general course; but the closer the road hugs the lake shore the less deflection from a straight line. Between the Maumee and Sandusky, however, the ground near the lake is low and wet, and the numerous small streams, as they near the lake, expand into wide marshy estuaries. The object, therefore, was to find a route far enough from the lake to avoid the marshes, and yet to cross the Maumee and Sandusky at their lowest fordable points. Both these advantages were gained by the Maumee and Western Reserve Road. General Wayne, it is readily perceived, does not deserve all the credit usually accorded him for locating the military posts and connecting rights of way within the Indian territory. They had already been located by the French and Indians, or during the border raids of the Revolution.

During the latter half of the eighteenth century, and even until the successful defence of Fort Meigs, "Maumee" was a dreadful word to our frontiersmen. Especially was this true during the English occupation of Detroit, and after the beginning of the Revolution. The Maumee River was a delightful home and a secure retreat for our savage enemies. Its banks were studded with their villages, its rich bottom lands were covered with their corn, while their light canoes glided over a beautiful current, which was at once a convenient highway and an exhaustless reservoir of food. Forest, stream, and prairie produced, spontaneously and in superabundance, game, fish, fruits, nuts—all things necessary to supply their simple wants. Here their wise men, without fear of molestation, gravely convened about their council fires, and deliberated on the means of checking and rolling back the tide of white immigration—a tide which they dimly foresaw would ultimately sweep their race from the face of the earth. From here their young warriors crept forth, and stealthily approaching the homes of their natural enemies, the pale faces, spread ruin and desolation far and wide. Here their booty and savage trophies were exhibited with the exultations and boasts of the returned "braves." Behind an impenetrable swamp, their women, children, and property were safe during the absence of their men. Exempt from attack or pursuit, the savage here enjoyed perfect freedom, and lived in accordance with his rude instincts and the habits and customs of his tribe. Amid the scenes of his childhood, in the presence of his ancestors' graves, the red warrior, with his squaw and pappoose, surrounded by all the essentials to the enjoyment of his simple wants, here lived out the character which nature had given him. In war, this valley was his base line of attack, his source of supplies, and his secure refuge; in peace, his home.

Fort Miami was described as a "regular military work of great strength, the front covered by a wide river, with five guns mounted. The rear, which is most susceptible of approach, has two regular bastions furnished with eight pieces of artillery, the whole surrounded by a deep ditch, with horizontal pickets projecting from the parapet over the ditch. From the bottom of the ditch to the top of the parapet is about twenty-five feet perpendicular. The works are surrounded by an abatis, and furnished with a numerous garrison."

It was erected by the British at the most commanding point within the Indians' great stronghold, and was designed as an encouragement to the savages in their warfare on the Americans, and, if a convenient pretext offered, to be used in their assistance. Wayne was instructed to capture the fort, if he should consider it necessary to secure peace with the Indians, and it is supposed that had that bold commander been furnished with the necessary artillery, he would have made the attempt. In their retreat, the Indians fled toward the fort, near which their battle-field had been selected, as if they expected assistance from the garrison, but Major Campbell, the British commander, prudently closed his gates, and, from the parapet, with apparent composure, viewed their rout.

Colonel McKee, the British Indian agent, and Captain Elliott, his assistant, were Pennsylvanians. Being tories, that State became too warm for them during the Revolutionary war, and they fled to the Indians. Joining the Shawnee tribe, and marrying Indian wives, they soon obtained so much influence with the savages, that they were appointed agents for Indian affairs by the British Government, and continued as such until their death. McKee's residence and official post was, for a time, at the foot of the Rapids, and that point was often designated "McKee's," or "McKee's Station." It has been established beyond dispute, that while the Indians were gathering on the Maumee River and awaiting the onslaught of Wayne's army, they were regularly supplied with ammunition and subsistence from the English fort, and by McKee, from the government stores in his charge. McKee's residence and store-houses were destroyed by Wayne in the general devastation which he made along the river after the battle of the Fallen Timber.

A few days after the battle Wayne leisurely marched back to Grand Glaise (Fort Defiance), "laying waste on his route the villages and cornfields of the enemy for about fifty miles, on both sides of the river." The crops in the immediate vicinity of the post were preserved. Fort Defiance was strengthened, after which the army proceeded to the upper fork, and on the site of the old Miami villages, erected another fort, which was named "Fort Wayne." In November, the army arrived at Camp Greenville, and went into winter quarters.

This old Indian boundary line has always been a prominent land-mark in the history of Ohio, and may yet be traced on the map of the State, forming a part of the southern boundary of the counties of Stark, Ashland, Richland, and Marion, and part of the northern boundary of Tuscarawas and Knox. Fort Recovery was in Mercer County, near the Indiana line. Loromie's store was within the present limits of Shelby County. Within the Indian territory, which included all north and west of the boundary above described, the United States, by this treaty, obtained sixteen distinct cessions of small tracts of land for military posts, with the necessary rights-of-way through the Indian country to reach the posts. Of these cessions, two lie within the present limits of Lucas and Wood Counties, namely: "One piece twelve miles square at the British fort on the Miami of the lake, at the foot of the Rapids," and "One piece six miles square, at the mouth of said river, where it empties into the lake." The tract twelve miles square has ever since been an important subject in the histories of Lucas and Wood Counties, and until the organization of

Lucas, was wholly within the limits of Wood County. The tract was laid out "square with compass," its northeast corner being in the heart of the city of Toledo, and its southeast corner corresponding with the present southeast corner of Perrysburg Township. The other tract was surveyed parallel with the river near the bay, the most southerly corner of the tract cutting into the northeast corner of Wood County. The military right-of-way, between the posts thus obtained, at the foot of the rapids of the Maumee and at the lower rapids of the Sandusky River, is now the Maumee and Western Reserve Road.

Early in 1796, Jay's treaty having been ratified by our government, England surrendered to the United States certain military posts within our territory, of which she had to that time unjustly retained possession. Among them were Fort Mackinaw, on the strait connecting Lakes Michigan and Huron; Fort Miami, on Maumee River, and the fortified town of Detroit. The posts were delivered to General Wayne, as the authorized representative of the United States. General Arthur St. Clair accompanied General Wayne to Detroit, and immediately after the possession of the posts was obtained, established a new county, to which he gave the name of Wayne, and made Detroit its seat of justice. Wayne was the fifth county erected in the Northwest Territory, in all the region north of the Ohio River. Of these, only two lay wholly within the State of Ohio. Washington County was the first organized, with Marietta as the seat of justice. Next, Hamilton County, with Cincinnati as its county seat. Washington included all the eastern part of the State as far west as the Scioto River, or so much of it as the Indians had ceded by the treaty of Fort McIntosh. Hamilton County at first included only the tract between the two Miamis (of the Ohio), as far up from the Ohio as an east and west line drawn through the Standing Stone fork of the Big Miami. The boundaries of Wayne County were as follows: "Beginning at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River, upon Lake Erie, and with the said river to the Portage between it and the Tuscarawas branch of the Muskingum; thence down the said branch to the forks at the carrying place above Fort Lawrence [Laurens]; thence by a west line to the eastern boundary of Hamilton County (which is a due north line from the lower Shawnees town upon the Sciota River); thence by a line west, northerly to the southern part of the portage between the Miamis of the Ohio, and the St. Mary's River; thence by a line, also west, northerly to the southwestern part of the portage between the Wabash and the Miamis of Lake Erie, where Fort Wayne now stands; thence by a line west, northerly to the most southern part of Lake Michigan; thence along the western shores of the same to the northwest part thereof (including the lands upon the streams emptying into the said lake); thence by a due north line to the territorial boundary in Lake Superior, and, with the said boundary, through Lakes Huron, Sinclair and Erie, to the mouth of Cuyahoga River, the place of beginning."

It would appear from this, that at some time between 1790 and 1796, the eastern limit of Hamilton County was extended from the Little Miami to the Scioto River, and that (although the southern boundaries do not entirely coincide) so much of the territorial county of Wayne as is now included within the limits of Ohio was at that time Indian territory, or all that part of the incipient State in which the Indian title had not been extinguished by the treaty of Greenville.

Wayne County, as organized in 1796, under the first form of our territorial government, may be briefly described as including about twenty-six of the present counties in the northwest quarter of Ohio (about one-fourth of the State), the northern part of Indiana, and all of the southern peninsula of Michigan. What is now this county, was then comparatively a very small part of Wayne County, and Detroit was our first county seat.

We find, then, that eight years after the settlement at the mouth of the Muskingum, and the establishment of a government north of the Ohio, that government extended its jurisdiction over this county. It was entirely natural and proper to include the Maumee country in Wayne County, and make the old town of Detroit the seat of justice. The few white inhabitants in this region were, like those in and about Detroit, Canadian French, Indian traders, or renegade tories. For more than a hundred years Detroit had been the center and headquarters of all military and commercial affairs about the head of Lake Erie and the foot of Lake Huron. The Maumee River was merely an outpost or province of Detroit. Communication with the civilized world was by the way of Detroit and Canada. A majority of the whites in the lake region were French, of Canadian origin, and still holding Canadian prejudices, and retaining their Canadian connections in all matters of religion, politics, friendship and commerce. Between the Detroit settlements and the settlements on the Ohio River there existed no bond of sympathy; in fact, until 1796, they had always been the bitterest enemies, and both retained much of the old prejudice engendered during the French and the Revolutionary wars. Between the Maumee and the Ohio lay an almost trackless wilderness—"over the whole vast extent there stretched a mighty and unbroken forest yet ignorant of the woodman's steel," effectually preventing communication between the two regions.

Detroit was a garrisoned town, completely enclosed by strong pickets, and defended by a fort on the north, and by batteries on the bank of the river. The "citadel," for the accommodation of the commandant and his suite, was "a spacious edifice within the pickets, with an esplanade in front of sufficient dimensions to manœuver a regiment of troops." The town was compactly built, on very narrow streets, most of them not exceeding one rod in width. It was entirely destroyed by fire in 1805, and is rebuilt on a more convenient plan. Detroit is the oldest town on the lakes above Niagara Falls, and until 1796 was the capital of Upper Canada.

When General Wayne took possession for the United States, of Detroit, Mackinaw, and Fort Miami, he constructed Fort Industry, on the left bank of the Maumee, just below the mouth of Swan Creek, and very near the northeast corner of the cession of twelve miles square. It was garrisoned for ten or twelve years, and is distinguished as the location of an important treaty with the Indians, in 1805.

The ordinance of 1787 provided for a change in the form of territorial government when the number of free white male inhabitants, of full age, should reach five thousand. Accordingly, in the fall of 1799, the first territorial legislature convened at Cincinnati. The representatives from Wayne county were Solomon Sibley, Jacob Visgar, and Charles F. Chobart de Joncaire.

In 1800 the North-Western Territory was divided into two governments, by a line drawn from the mouth of Kentucky River to Fort Recovery, and thence northward to the territorial line, leaving the Detroit settlement in the eastern division, under the old government. This created a vacancy in the Council—the "upper house" of the territorial legislature—to which vacancy Mr. Sibley was appointed; and Mr. Sibley's seat in the lower house was filled by the election of Mr. Scheiffilein, of Detroit.

Early in 1802 a census was taken in the Eastern Division, which was found to contain over 45,000 persons. By authority of an act of Congress, a convention was elected to form a constitution for the proposed new State, to be composed of the southern part of the Eastern Division. The convention assembled November 1, 1802, and agreed upon the first constitution of the State of Ohio, before the end of the same month. Wayne county was excluded from representation in this convention which caused great dissatisfaction at the time. Besides this exclusion from the constitutional convention the act of Congress, above referred to, reserved the right to attach the northern part of the Eastern Division to Indiana territory; whereas the ordinance of 1787 contemplated its continuance as a part of the new State (Ohio) until it (Michigan) should have sufficient population of its own to entitle it to admission as a State. This increased the dissatisfaction, for it was the desire of the better class of the people of Wayne county to remain attached to the new State. It was suggested that this county elect delegates to the convention and demand the right of representation therein. To this suggestion, in a letter to a friend at Cincinnati, Mr. Sibley replied:

"But, sir, supposing the county of Wayne should elect delegates and send them forward to the convention, what security would they have of a bare protection? Would they not feel the mortification of personal insults? From the temper of a majority of the citizens of that place [Chillicothe] last winter, I really believe that their persons would be in danger. At all events I am not personally disposed to make the experiment. Yet I will do everything in my power to stir up the citizens of Wayne, to claim their violated rights. I have conversed with a number of leading characters, most of whom disapprove of the law, and are desirous of becoming a part of the new State, if possible. But nothing frightens the Canadians like taxes. They would prefer to be treated like dogs, and kennelled under the whip of a tyrant, than contribute to the support of a free government."

One reason of the objection of Detroit to becoming a part of Indiana territory was the erroneous opinion that the northern boundary of Ohio, as proposed by the law of Congress, would pass north of the rich settlement at the River Raisin, and thus cut off one of the best portions of Wayne county.

At a public meeting held at Dayton, a series of resolutions was adopted, one of which we append:—

"We feel for our fellow citizens in the county of Wayne, who have relinquished their allegiance to the crown of Great Britain, and become American citizens, firmly attached to the interests of this territory; and we hope they may not be transferred against their wishes to the Indiana territory, at the moment they had expected with us to enter into an independent State government, and to enjoy the privileges of a free people."

But expostulations and petitions were in vain. The Detroit settlements were attached to Indiana territory until 1805, when Michigan territory was organized. Nor did Wayne county lose her cherished province on the Raisin, for it was afterward found that the northern boundary of Ohio passed considerably south of the mouth of that river. Two years before the organization of our State government, Trumbull County was set up. Its original boundaries coincided with the boundaries of the Connecticut Reserve, and of course took a part of Wayne County—that part lying west of the Cuyahoga River and within the Reserve.

Nor had the Maumee County any voice in the election of the first State Legislature, which convened at Chillicothe on the 1st day of March, 1803. During the same month, however, the Legislature created a number of new counties, to which was apportioned all that part of the territorial County of Wayne lying within the State. Montgomery, Green, and Franklin at first extended "north to the State line," and Montgomery extended west to the State line. What was afterwards Wood County, then lay partly in Greene, and the remainder in Franklin.

The first constitution placed the Supreme Court of the State "on wheels,"—or rather on horseback—by Section 10, of the Third Article: "The Supreme Court shall be held once a year in each county," etc. This provision originated in the local rivalries of the time, and the opposition to Chillicothe as the capital of the State. A contemporary writer, a prominent lawyer of those days, thus refers to this feature of the old judiciary: "One evil arising from that scheme is that the Supreme Judges are required to be on horseback half the year, and are compelled to decide important questions of law, in great haste; and often in frontier counties, where access to law books can not be had; and, as the same judges are not always present, it sometimes happens that the same point is decided differently in different counties." The first session of the Supreme Court in Greene County was held in October, 1803; the first session in Franklin County was held in November, 1803. There were three common pleas circuits in the State, each having one president and three associate judges. The first term of the Court of Common Pleas in Greene County was held in August, 1803; in Franklin County in May, 1803. The former was in the First Circuit; the latter in the Second. The State was at first entitled to but one representative in Congress, who was elected in October, 1804. In the State Legislature, Ross and Franklin had four representatives and two senators. Greene had one representative; and, with Warren, Butler, and Montgomery, two senators.

March 1, 1805, Champaign County was organized. It was made up of all the northern part of Greene County, and a part of Franklin, and included the territory afterwards occupied by Wood County. Urbana was the seat of justice.

By the treaty of Fort Industry, made in July of the same year, the Indians ceded all their lands within 120 miles west of the western boundary of the State of Pennsylvania. In other words, all their lands in this State lying east of the meridian which forms the eastern boundary of Sandusky and Seneca Counties. The principal object of this treaty was to obtain the title of the land in the Connecticut Reserve, sometimes called the Western Reserve; but as that alone would have left a narrow, wedge-shaped strip south of the Reserve still in the possession of the Indians, the western boundary of the Reserve was produced southward until it intersected the old Indian boundary, and all the land east of that line was purchased. The Commissioners of the United States had much trouble in making this treaty, as Canadian emissaries were again at work among the Indians, exciting their hatred, jealousy, and fear of the "Yankees." This treaty reduced the Indian possessions in this State to a square tract in the northwest corner, bounded on the west by Indiana Territory, on the north by Michigan Territory, on the east by the western line of the Connecticut Reserve, and on the south by the boundary established by the treaty of Greenville, still known as the "old Indian boundary." This tract, including the entire Maumee Valley, was for many years known as the Indian Territory—about twenty counties, as at present organized.

In November, 1807, General William Hull, the first governor of Michigan Territory—he, who, five years later, ingloriously surrendered Detroit—by a treaty at Detroit, secured to the United States the title to a large tract of land lying partly in Michigan Territory and partly in Ohio. It included all the land in this State north of the Maumee and east of a line extended north from the mouth of the Auglaize River, excepting the following tracts reserved by the Indians: "One tract of land six miles square, on the Miami of Lake Erie, above Roche de Bœuf, to include the village where Tondaganie (or the Dog) now lives. Also, three miles square on the said river (above the twelve miles square ceded to the United States by the treaty of Greenville), including what is called Presque Isle; also, four miles square on the Miami bay, including the villages where Meshkeman and Waugan now live."

One year later, by the treaty of Brownstown (Mich.), made by Governor Hull, the United States acquired: "A tract of land for a road, of 120 feet in width, from the foot of the rapids of the River Miami of Lake Erie to the western line of the Connecticut Reserve, and all the land within one mile of the said road

on each side thereof, for the purpose of establishing settlements along the same;" also, the right-of-way for a road to run southwardly from Lower Sandusky to the Indian boundary. This was the second step toward the establishing of the Maumee and Western Reserve road.

By this time, the British violations of our national rights—by impressing our seamen into the English navy and seizing American vessels engaged in commerce with France—had excited feelings of indignation and hostility throughout the country, and intelligent men in Canada and the United States predicted another war between England and America. In June, 1807, the United States frigate Chesapeake had been captured by a British ship, killing three and wounding eighteen. The crew of the frigate was then mustered, and four of them forcibly carried off, on the pretense that they were British deserters. Both nations had for some time been drifting towards unfriendly relations; but from this time the enmity was rapidly aggravated, until in 1812 it culminated in open war. During this period, preceding the war of 1812, the Canadians were not idle. The Indians of the Maumee and Wabash Valleys were again visited by British agents, who encouraged the Indians to begin another war upon the western settlements south of the lakes, by pledging, semi-officially, the assistance of their old ally. The old idea, of compelling the Americans to abandon the territory north of the Ohio River—of making that river forever the boundary between the whites and the Indians—was secretly revived. Canadians still held almost a monopoly of the Indian trade in this vicinity, and as a means of retaining their friendship, furnished them whisky in unlimited quantities. Under the old French *regime* this had been prohibited, and during the British occupation of this territory it had been disapproved; but now the Canadians were under no restraint. Although our Territorial and State Legislature had enacted stringent laws forbidding the sale of liquor to the savages, it was almost wholly disregarded, especially by the Canadians. It is undeniable that the free use of intoxicating liquors by the Indians, which began here soon after the Revolutionary war, caused a rapid deterioration of the best traits of Indian character. Another cause of the increasing unfriendliness of the savages was the numerous crimes committed against them by bad white men on the frontiers—the most atrocious crimes committed with apparent impunity; for such was the prejudice against the Indians, that no white man could be convicted in the courts, of any crime committed against them, no matter how clearly proved. So notorious had this state of affairs become that, in 1800, Governor St. Clair called the attention of the Territorial Legislature thereto, and said that, "the number of these unfortunate people who have been murdered and plundered since the treaty of Greenville, is sufficient to produce serious alarm for the consequences." During the same year the Legislature passed an act "providing for the trial of homicide committed on Indians," with the following preamble: "Whereas, his excellency the governor, hath stated that difficulties have arisen in prosecuting and bringing to punishment persons charged with homicide committed on certain Indians within this territory, that similar difficulties may be expected in future, and that serious evils are likely to arise therefrom, unless a remedy be provided therefor by law; therefore, to remove those difficulties, and the more effectually to insure justice to the Indian tribes in such cases, Be it enacted," etc. One provision of this law authorized the governor to order special courts of Oyer and Terminer for such cases; and, if necessary, to grant a change of venue. But the most powerful influence operating among the Indians—exciting their hatred and organizing them for another war upon the whites—was that of Tecumseh and "The Prophet," two Shawnee brothers. The former, by his eloquence and really noble qualities as a man, and the latter by his "miracles," acquired a remarkable ascendancy over all the tribes along the frontier—from Lake Superior to the Gulf of Mexico. In 1808 they established themselves on the Wabash River, at the mouth of the Tippecanoe, where, during the next three years, they collected a large force of warriors from a number of tribes. A large part of their force was drawn from the Maumee River, the Ottawas, located at the mouth of the river, furnishing about three hundred. But Tecumseh's power was temporarily impaired, and the Indians dispersed, by the battle of Tippecanoe, in November, 1811.

From the summer of 1812 till the spring of 1815, this part of the State was of national import. During the first eighteen months of the war Fort Meigs was the center of an important series of military movements, an account of which may be read in any standard history of the United States. From the declaration of war till the treaty of peace—from the time the American settlers fled from the foot of the rapids till they began to return—the only white inhabitants of this county, besides the soldiers, were a few French families at Maumee and near the lake. As a pleasant introduction to the study of the history of this period, we recommend to our young readers "Lossing's Pictorial Field Book of the War of 1812."

Although defeated in the battle of Tippecanoe, in the fall of 1811, the Indians were not subdued, but began to plot with the English for an invasion of Ohio and Michigan, from Canada, in case of war between Great Britain and the United States. As a defense of the northern frontier against the Indians, and as a precautionary measure in case of war with England, an army was raised in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana Territory and Michigan Territory. As soon as it was organized and equipped, this army, under command of General William Hull, marched from its rendezvous in the southwestern part of this State, directly north through Champaign County to the foot of the rapids of Maumee River, traversing the present counties of Champaign, Logan, Hardin, Hancock and Wood, cutting a road through the wilderness and establishing a number of military posts along the route, which route was for many years afterward known as "Hull's Trace." Crossing the Maumee on the 1st of July, 1812, Hull marched to Detroit, which had been selected as the strategetic point of the campaign. After a disgraceful inactivity of a few weeks, on the 26th of August Hull surrendered Detroit, with all the military force under his command, to General Brock, the British commander.

Another army was promptly raised, and placed under the command of General William H. Harrison, which advanced by three routes to the foot of the rapids, with the design of making that a base for the recovery of Michigan and the conquest of Canada. General Harrison, with the right wing, marched by the way of Upper Sandusky, which he made his depot of supplies. General Tupper had command of the center, with Fort McArthur, in Hardin County, as a base, and was to advance by Hull's route. General Winchester marched from Fort Defiance down the Maumee to the foot of the rapids. Without waiting to be joined by Harrison, Winchester moved on to the River Raisin, where he was defeated, January 22, 1813, and where the Indians were permitted to massacre the settlers and American prisoners. Harrison had crossed the Maumee with a part of his force, but, on learning of Winchester's defeat, fell back to the foot of the rapids, and the next day, after destroying his stores in a small stockade on the north side, retreated to the forks of the Portage, opposite the site of the village of Pemberville, in this county, where he remained a few days, and on the 1st of February again advanced to the foot of the Maumee rapids and began the construction of Fort Meigs. It was an "open winter," unfavorable to military movements in this region, and but little was accomplished.

On the 27th of April, the British and Indians, under Proctor and Tecumseh, invested the fort, and on the 9th of May raised the siege. It was during this siege that a regiment of Kentuckians, under Colonel Dudley, was terribly defeated on the north side of the river. Harrison left the fort under command of General Green Clay, and went to the interior of the State to organize new levies of troops. On the 20th of July, the enemy again laid siege to Fort Meigs, but on the 29th again decamped and proceeded to Fort Stephenson (Fremont), and began an attack on the 1st of August. But there they were repulsed by the gallant Croghan. On the 10th of September, Commodore Perry captured the British fleet at Put-in-Bay, on Lake Erie, soon after which Harrison's army was transported to Malden by Perry's vessels. On the 5th of October the British and Indians were defeated in the battle on the Thames, where Tecumseh was killed. The territory and posts surrendered by Hull were speedily recovered, and the war in the Northwest was virtually ended.

Soon after this, General Harrison entered into an armistice with the hostile Indians, followed by the second treaty of Greenville. Still, few ventured to settle on the Maumee until after the treaty of Ghent and the battle of New Orleans. Those who returned built temporary cabins out of the "arks" which had been used as transports by the army, and of the pickets and block-houses of Fort Meigs. Congress made an appropriation for the partial reimbursement of those whose property had been destroyed during the war.

At first the settlement of this side of the river was confined to the immediate vicinity of Fort Meigs, or the foot of the rapids, on the twelve miles square, the center of which was on the large island in front of Perrysburg; and even after the Indian title was extinguished in all northwestern Ohio, the improvements for many years were limited to a narrow strip along the river bank up to the head of the rapids.

In 1815 a town was started near the fort, which was at first called Fort Meigs, afterwards Orleans. At the same time Maumee was started. In the summer of 1815 three large vessels came up to Fort Meigs after the government stores left here at the close of the war. Of these Mr. Hosmer says: "With the exception of a few light vessels used by the British as transports during the war, these were the first vessels of ordinary draft that ever ascended to the foot of the rapids."

"Upon the close of the war of 1812 the foot of the rapids became an important point in the commercial business of the country. Large quantities of the produce of the western part of Ohio and Northeastern Indiana was brought down the river in flatboats and transferred to the shipping of the lakes. The Indian trade was large. The quantity of furs and peltry collected here by the Indian traders, and that of the sugar made by the Indians from the sap of the sugar maple, and put up by them in cases made of bark, each weighing sixty or eighty pounds, and called "mococks"—these and other like objects of trade and commerce made up a considerable business. The fisheries of the river also constituted a large item in the then business of the place. The quantity of corn even then raised on the Maumee, was very large, and was exported in large quantities to Detroit and other parts of the upper lakes. This was so much the case that it was called "coming to Egypt for corn." These objects, and other minor subjects of commerce and traffic, rendered the business of the place far larger than that which would be indicated by the population of the place, and the amount of lake shipping that came up there to meet this commercial demand was quite considerable."

In September, 1817, at the foot of the rapids, Lewis Cass and Duncan McArthur, Commissioners of the United States, made a treaty with the Wyandotte, Seneca, Delaware, Shawnee, Pottawottamie, Ottawa and Chippewa tribes of Indians, by which the United States purchased all the lands of those tribes in the State, excepting certain small reservations to individuals named therein. The reservations in this county were described as follows: "To Sawendebans, or the Yellow Hair, or Peter Minor, an adopted son of Tondaganie, or the Dog, and at the special request of the Ottawas, out of the tract reserved by the treaty of Detroit, in 1807, above Roche de Bœuf, at the village of the said Dog, a section of land, to contain 640 acres, to be located in a square form, on the north side of the Miami, at the Wolf Rapids."

"The United States also agree to grant, by patent, to the Chiefs of the Ottawa tribe of Indians, for the use of the said tribe, a tract of land, to contain thirty-four square miles, to be laid out as nearly in a square form as practicable, not interfering with the lines of the tracts reserved by the treaty of Greenville, on the south side of the Miami River of Lake Erie, and to include Tushquegan, or McCarty's village."

In 1816 an agent, appointed by the government, selected the site and surveyed the town of Perrysburg, and the next year the lots were offered for sale at the land office at Wooster.

"From Wooster I traveled on horseback, by way of the place where Ashland now is, New Haven, Lower Sandusky, to the Maumee. The country through which I passed was very new—here and there a settlement. From Lower Sandusky to the Maumee, it was an entire wilderness (1820), and known as the Black Swamp, through which there was no road, except a mere trail through the woods. I arrived at Perrysburg in the afternoon of a fine day, about the middle of September, and upon arriving on the high bank near Fort Meigs, I was most favorably struck with the magnificent scenery and beauty of the valley. Along the rapids, the intervals from hill to hill were originally prairies, and even these were mostly covered with the finest fields of corn."

The Indians still lingered in their old homes, retaining almost undisturbed possession of their sugar camps and hunting grounds; although the whites were rapidly appropriating the sites of their villages and their favorite fishing grounds. The following description of the Indians of the vicinity, as they were from 1825 to 1840, was written by the late Colistor Haskins:

"Some four or five hundred friendly Indians of the Ottawa tribe, camped in the vicinity of Portage, until their removal by the Government; they were kind neighbors and punctual to pay debts when trusted; they subsisted mostly on flesh; they were fond of venison, turkeys, bear's meat, and blue crane; they also ate porcupines, polecats, and musk rats; they were fond also of hominy, which they obtained by pounding corn in a wooden mortar with a pestle attached to a spring pole; they also made bean soup as a special luxury; they had fields on the Maumee bottoms, where they raised corn and beans in the summer; they would hunt for game in the fall on the Portage and about the neighboring prairies, and in the winter they would camp further south in the heavy timber, both on account of their own comfort and their horses, which subsisted in the winter upon browse and the winter bunch grass, which is found only in the sheltered forest lands where the land is rather swampy; the Indian ponies would come out in the spring in good condition.

"The spring work of the Indians was the manufacture of maple sugar, which they generally made in considerable quantities, and it was of a tolerable good quality. As they had no other means of conveying it to market, they manufactured a kind of box made of elm bark about eighteen inches in length, and ten or twelve in width, and sixteen or eighteen in height. The bark was bent in proper shape and fastened with a thread of the same material. This was called a *mowkon* or *mococks*, holding from fifty to one hundred pounds each. The Indians conveyed these boxes upon their ponies, each pony packing two boxes, one upon each side.

"The dress of the Indians was, for the most part, of their own manufacture. They dressed deer skins in the best manner. These they used for moccasins, leggings, mittens and shirts; and in cold weather they wore woolen blankets which they received as presents from the British Government."

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MAP OF VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP

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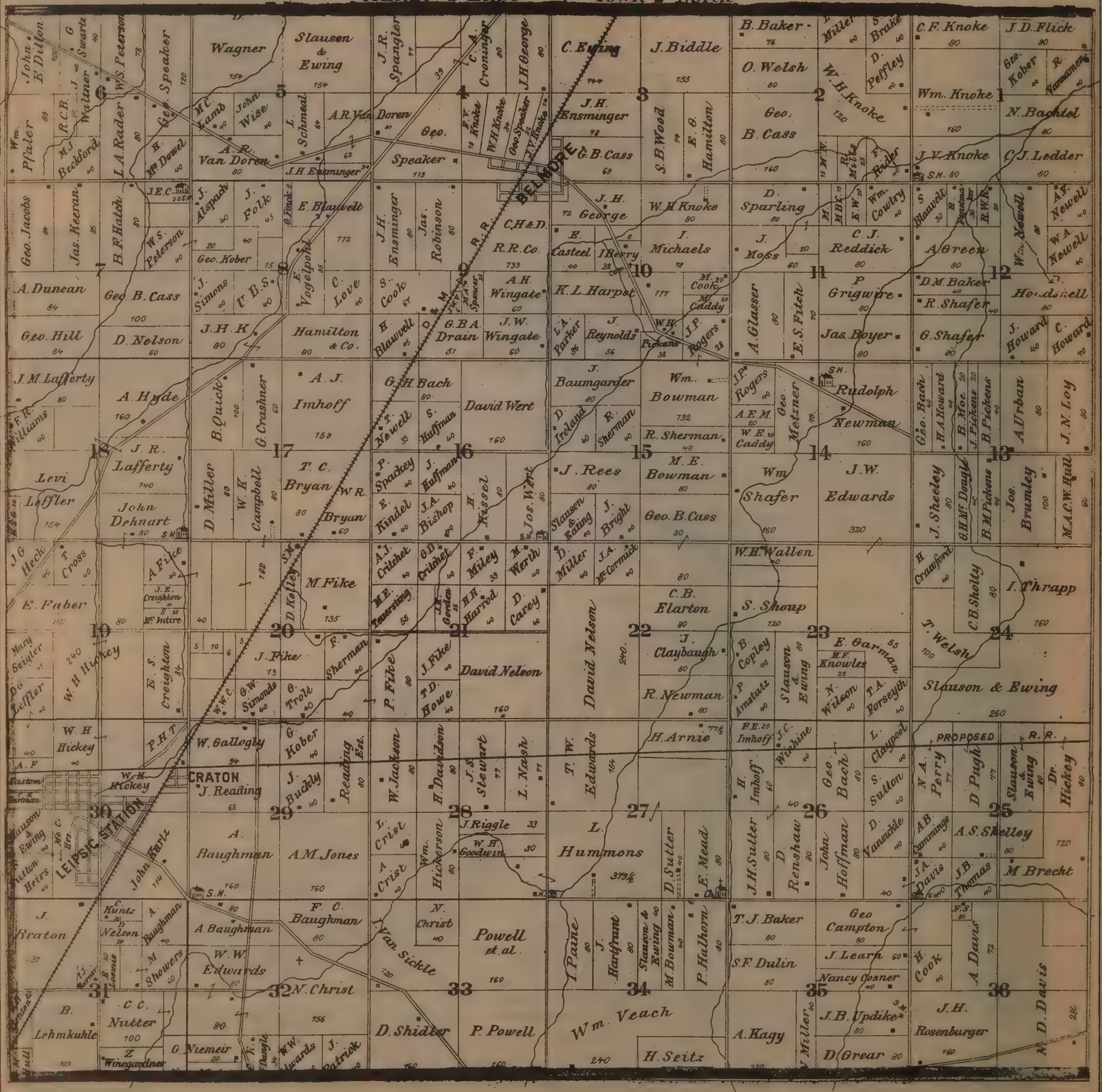

History of Putnam County.

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EVERYTHING has a beginning, and, of course, the history of Putnam County has a starting point. Where shall we fix that time? Shall we begin in 1847, when its present boundary was established? or in 1834, when Putnam County was organized? or in 1820, when the County was established and attached to Wood County for judicial purposes? or in 1796, when our territory was embraced within the limits of the Territorial County of Wayne, with the county seat at Detroit? or in 1778, when Virginia organized the County of Illinois, embracing all the territory owned by Virginia west of the Ohio River? or in 1769, when the House of Burgesses, of the Colony of Virginia, established the County of Botetourt, with the Mississippi River as its western boundary?

Thus have we had county jurisdiction covering our territory for over one hundred years. This takes us back to a time before the organization of our government, when England and France both claimed an ownership in the territory northwest of the Ohio River, and which was finally settled by the treaty of Paris in 1783, when it came fully into the possession of the United States.

It might be interesting to go still further back and inquire as to the tribes of Indians found here by the whites; and, still to a more remote period in the past, and ask: Who were here before the Indians? who were

THE MOUND BUILDERS,

who have left with us so many of their mysterious works? Who were they? Where did they come from? What became of them? These are questions much easier asked than answered. That they were an intelligent, industrious people, their works left with us all testify; that their history is as yet hidden in mystery, appears to be conceded by all. The works left by them in our county consists of mounds, pottery, stone implements, and ornaments, made of granite, flint, and slate, and many of them very fine in construction.

The largest mound in the county is on Section 16, Perry township. This was about eight feet high and about fifty feet in diameter, beautifully situated on the Auglaize River. When this mound was examined, by a shaft sunk at the center, the first two feet were found to be a sandy loam; thence to the bottom it was a fine yellow sand, as clear of muck as if it had been burned. At a depth of four feet from the surface was the skeleton of a full-sized person, badly decayed, and which fell to pieces on exposure to the air. It was evidently the remains of some one deposited there since the erection of the mound. At a depth even with the surface of the surrounding lands were quantities of broken pottery, the pieces indicating vessels that would have held ten gallons; several arrow points of flint, of the leaf-shaped pattern; and a fine piece of flint in the shape of a knife-blade, about three inches long, half-an-inch in width, and the sixteenth-of-an-inch in thickness, sharp on one end and edge. Occasional pieces of charcoal were found through the sand, from the top to the bottom.

One mile northwest of this mound, and in sight of it, was another one on the high bank of the Auglaize River. This one was never examined, and the river has gradually encroached upon it until it has almost entirely disappeared.

A third one, on the farm of Mr. Ayers, not so large, has never been examined. This is on the Blanchard River. Another was on the Agner farm, one mile east of Ottawa, on the Blanchard. This one was noted for the large amount of broken pottery around it. Also, one on the farm of Mr. Collett, on Hog Creek, noted for the large quantity of pottery.

Fine specimens of stone axes, grooved hammers, perforated balls, pestles, flat perforated slate stones, badges or wands, tubes, etc., are found scattered over the county, and, until within a few years, have excited but little interest, having been regarded merely as something odd, and then cast aside. This indifference, however, is becoming changed, and greater care is taken of them, as several cabinets of these curiosities are being formed in the county.

AN ACT OF THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

The British Parliament, in the year 1774, passed an act, making the Ohio River the southwestern boundary of Canada, and the Mississippi River the western boundary, thereby attaching the Northwest to the province of Quebec, as it was called, thus placing what now constitutes the State of Ohio under the local administration of said province.

THE INDIANS.

The Algonquin and Iroquois tribes of Indians appear to have been the possessors of our soil about 1750. The Wyandottes, the Delawares, and the Shawnees, were of the Algonquin family. The Miamis, Ottawas, and Chippewas, were of the Iroquois family. By the treaty of Fort McIntosh, in 1785, the Ottawas, with the Wyandottes and Delawares, were assigned to the northern section of what is now the State of Ohio, and west of the Cuyahoga River; and, by treaty and purchase, in 1805, 1818, 1829, and 1842, the last remnant of those tribes sold the last acre they owned within the limits of Ohio, and retired the following year to the Far West, settling at and near the mouth of Kansas River.

EARLY LAW.

The first law proclaimed by the Governor and Judges of the Northwest Territory, July 25, 1788, was entitled, "An Act for regulating and establishing the militia," in which it was provided that "all able-bodied male inhabitants, between the ages of eighteen and fifty years, should provide themselves with a rifle or musket, shot-pouch and powder-horn, four pounds of bullets, one pound of powder, wiping-stick, six flints and priming wire, and to be and appear fully armed and equipped on every Sunday, at 10 A. M., at the usual place of holding public worship."

PUTNAM COUNTY.

February 12, 1820, the Legislature of Ohio proceeded to divide that part of the lands, a short time previously ceded by the Indians to the United States, into fourteen separate counties. The first was Van Wert; second, Mercer, and the third, to include townships one and two, south, and one and two, north, in the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth ranges, and to be known by the name of Putnam; and that the counties of Hancock, Henry, Putnam, Paulding, and Williams, shall be attached to the county of Wood.

February 2, 1824, the county of Williams was organized, and Henry, Putnam, and Paulding Counties attached for judicial purposes. In 1834, Putnam was organized as a separate county; and, in 1847, the Legislature reduced its boundary lines to the present form, adding on the west eighteen sections of land, and taking from it on the south one hundred and fourteen sections, or a loss of over thirty thousand acres of land on the duplicate.

SOME OF THE EARLY COUNTY OFFICIALS.

Illinois County was bounded on the east by Pennsylvania; on the southeast by the Ohio River; on the west by the Mississippi River, and on the north by the northern lakes, thus making the territory now constituting Putnam County an integral portion of it. John Todd, Esq., was appointed County Lieutenant and Civil Commandant of Illinois County. He was killed in the battle of Blue Licks, August 18, 1782, and was succeeded by Timothy de Montbrun.

Wayne County was organized by the Territorial Officers of the Northwest Territory, August 15, 1795, with the county-seat at Detroit. On the 29th day of October, 1798, the Governor, Arthur St. Clair, issued his proclamation, directing an election to be held on the third Monday of December, 1798, to elect members of a Territorial Legislature, under which Solomon Sibley, Jacob Visgar, and Charles F. Chabert de Joncaire, of Wayne County, were elected members of said Legislature. On November 23, 1801, the second Legislature of the Territory met at Chillicothe, when Solomon Sibley, of Detroit, Wayne County, was elected President of the Council, and Francis Joncaire Cabert, George McDougal, and Jonathan Schieffelin, took their seats as members of the Legislature from the same county*. In 1802 the present boundary of Ohio was established, which left this part of Wayne County without a county-seat.

In 1834, Putnam County was organized as a separate county, and William Cochran, Henry Morris, and Silas McClish were, by the Governor, duly commissioned as Associate Judges. A Commission was also appointed by the Legislature, February 12, 1829, to select a suitable place for the county-seat. That Commission, in performance of its duties, selected the southwest quarter of section 5, town 1 south, range 6 east, and gave it the name of "Kalida."

May 5, 1834, William Cochran, Henry Morris, and Silas McClish, Asso-

* For many of the foregoing facts I am indebted to the articles written by Isaac Smucker, and published in Ohio Statistics, 1876 and 1877.

ciate Judges, met at the house of Abraham Sarber, and, after being duly sworn, completed their organization by the election of Daniel W. Gray, as Clerk, and Amos Evens, as Prosecuting Attorney; and, in pursuance of their duties, they appointed Abraham Sarber, Town Director; Thomas Gray, William Priddy, and Samuel Myers, County Commissioners; F. C. Fitch, County Surveyor; Samuel Myers, John Cochran, Isaac Owens, A. E. Martin, James Nicholas, Daniel W. Gray, School Examiners. They further ordered that an election be held at the house of Abraham Sarber, on the 31st day of May, to elect one Sheriff and one Coroner for the county.

August 18, 1834, court met at the house of Abraham Sarber. Present: William Cochran, Henry Morris, and Silas McClish, Associate Judges, and Daniel W. Gray, Clerk. When it appearing that no election had been held on the 31st day of May, as directed, the court appointed William Cochran, Sheriff, and William Turner, Coroner.

November 20, 1835, court met at the house of Sheldon Guthrie, in Kalida. Present: Messrs. Cochran, Morris, and McClish, Associate Judges, and D. W. Gray, Clerk. The bond of William Turner, as Coroner, being presented and approved, he was duly installed as Coroner.

April 30, 1835, court met. Present: George B. Holt, President Judge; William Cochran, Henry Morris, and Silas McClish, Associates. The Grand Jury consisted of John Guffy, James Turner, Peter Bussart, James D. Wamsley, William Ramsey, Moses Sutton, Caleb Gaskill, Obed Martin, John Hand, McDaniel Osborn, Benjamin Clevinger, Isaac McCracken, Robert McCracken, John Lisk, and John Ridenour, with Benjamin Clevinger as Foreman, and James M. Lee, Constable.

At the fall election, held October 15, 1834, William Priddy, Benjamin Clevenger, and Sheldon Guthrie, were elected Commissioners; F. C. Fitch, Auditor; John M. Cochran, Treasurer; William Cochran, Sheriff; James Taylor, Coroner; Moses Lee, Recorder; Samuel Ramsey, Assessor; F. C. Fitch, Surveyor. At this election there were 163 votes cast in the county, as follows: Jennings, 17; Sugar Creek, 34; Union, 23; Perry, 27; Ottawa, 22; Blanchard, 22; Riley, 18.

The organization of the county having been completed, the Commissioners, in its behalf, purchased the balance of section five, had the whole laid off in lots, and, through the Town Director, sold. The proceeds, after paying the cost of land, expenses of survey, sale, etc., were applied to the erection of a Court House and Jail. The first Court House was a temporary frame building, but in 1838–39, brick structures were erected.

In 1847, the county of Auglaize was created, reducing our county to its present size and shape. At the session of the Legislature for 1864–65, an enabling act was obtained allowing a vote to be taken for or against a removal of the county-seat to Ottawa. In the winter of 1864–65, the Court House burned down, destroying many of the records entirely, and damaging many more. In 1866, a vote on the removal of the county-seat resulted in a majority of 485 in its favor, and the same was removed to Ottawa, where suitable buildings were erected.

PUBLIC SURVEYS OF LAND.

Sylvanus Bourne established the base line in May, 1819, and from this line as a base, all surveys in the county are made. In 1819 and 1820, township lines were established by Alexander Holmes, Samuel Holmes, S. Carpenter, Jr., and others. In 1819, 1820, 1821, and 1822, the townships were subdivided into sections by Nathan Beaseley, James W. Riley, P. F. Kellogg, James Heaton, and Ambrose Rice. The Ottawa Reservation was surveyed by James Watson Riley, for Ambrose Rice, in 1833.

NAMES OF STREAMS.

Au Glaise and Grand Glaise were names given by the French to the present Auglaize River, and especially at its junction with the Maumee.

Ottawa River, or Hog Creek, was so called from the Ottawa tribe of Indians, and derived its soubriquet of Hog Creek from this circumstance: While the English held possession of Fort Miami, on the Maumee River, parties on the Miami River undertook to supply them with pork. In driving a lot of hogs through, when they reached this stream, which happened to be very high, and becoming much alarmed at what they deemed hostile demonstrations on the part of the Indians, they drove their hogs into the river, some of which reached the opposite side, some returned to the side they had left, and many were drowned. The owners abandoned all and went home. Hence the name.

Jennings Creek was named after Colonel Jennings, who built the stockade in 1812 at its junction with the Auglaize.

Leatherwood Creek was so called on account of the abundance of the shrubs of that name along its banks.

Sugar Creek derived its name from the fact that the Indians, having their camps on the Auglaize, had a trail along this stream to their sugar camps at Sugar Level, north of Lima.

Plum Creek was so named on account of the large amount of wild plums found on its banks.

Cranberry Creek was thus named from the marsh on its banks, where many cranberries grew.

Riley Creek was named Deer Creek by the surveyors in 1820, from the great number of deer on its banks. The name, however, was changed by the Surveyor General to that of Riley, complimentary to the Surveyor, James Watson Riley.

Blanchard River was so named from the fact that a man named Blanchard, was the first white man who traded along that stream with the Indians.

WHITE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY.

The first white family in the county was that of Henry Leaf, who built a cabin on the south side of the Blanchard River, on section ten, Greensburg Township, where he remained some time. He removed from that point and built another cabin on the Auglaize River, at the junction of the Blanchard with the Auglaize, where he was in 1824. This man could hardly be considered a resident of the county, as he lived with the Indians, moved when they did, and when they were removed to the West, he went with them, and ended his days there.

In 1824, David Murphy, with his family, came down the Blanchard River in a canoe from Fort Findlay, landed at the mouth of the Blanchard, built a cabin of poles, and became the first permanent white settler in the county. His wife was the first person buried in the cemetery at Kalida, and at her side the remains of her husband were deposited. During the year 1824, Silas McClish, Thomas McClish, and Jack McClish settled a mile below Murphy, on the west side of the Auglaize. William Bowen settled three miles south, and William Patton fourteen miles south.

In 1825, there came Henry Wing, Daniel Sullivan, William Craig, Daniel Pelke, Sebastian Sroufe, and Thaddeus Harris.

In 1826, John Ridenour and his sons, Michael, Daniel, and Jacob; Demmitt Mackerell, Frederick and William Stevens, William H. Harris, and Samuel Washburne.

1827—Josiah Clawson, Joel Wilcox, William Bishop, William Cochran, Cephas Cary, John Cary, Philip Comer, William Scott.

1828—William Frasee, David Sroufe, Henry Comer, A. E. Martin, Robert Martin, Solomon Sprague.

1829—S. L. Norris, Ellison Ladd, Jonathan Wiland.

1830—William Clevenger, Nutter and Joshua Powell, Isaac Owens, Joseph, Samuel, Jacob, and George Clevenger.

1831—Peter Rhodes, Abraham Sarber, O. W. Crawfis, Samuel Hall, John Guffy.

1832—Jacob Rimer, Abraham Hardin, J. R. Rimer, John Myers, Sr., Abraham and James Crow, Obed Martin, Samuel Hall, H. M. Crawfis.

1833—J. Y. Sackett, John Sigofoos, Stansbury Sutton, Hiram Sarber, Frederick Brower, John B. Bogart, Adam Sarber, William Guffy, James Nicholas, Thomas Watkins, Henry Wellman, C. Raabe.

1834—William Galbreath, Enoch Wicks, John Crawfis, Moses Lee, Hugh Crawford, Robert and Isaac McCracken, Sheldon Guthrie, and many others.

ROADS AND MAIL ROUTES.

The first road in the county was the one cut through from Fort Recovery to Defiance, by Anthony Wayne, in 1794. This passed along the west side of the Auglaize River, and has ever since, with few variations, been used as a public road. At the intersection of Jennings Creek with the Auglaize, on this road, Colonel Jennings erected, in 1812, a stockade for the protection of supplies between Fort Recovery and Fort Defiance; and, on this road, the first mail route was established and the mail carried between Piqua and Defiance, once a week, on horseback, supplying between the termini the offices of Hardin, Wappeconnatta, and Sugar Grove (this was at the house of Sebastian Sroufe, near Hover's Mills), the only office in the county. The mail was carried by a boy, C. C. Marshall, from September, 1829, to December, 31, 1831. And here, permit me to say, that the boy, C. C. Marshall, has since then filled the office of Justice of the Peace for twenty-three years; Mayor of the town of Delphos for ten years; Commissioner of Allen County for three years; Superintendent of the Miami and Erie Canal for seven years; and was a member of the House of Representatives, as well as of the Senate, of the State of Ohio.

THE FIRST MINISTER.

Rev. J. J. Hill was the first minister that had regular work. This was in 1830 and 1831. He was a Methodist, and took a circuit commencing

at St. Marys; thence to Wilshire, Shane's Crossings, Fort Amanda, Hog Creek, near Elida; Cochran's, on the Auglaize; Defiance, Antwerp; thence down the Maumee to Florida; thence back to St. Marys—a distance of three hundred miles—making the circuit once in four weeks, at a salary of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS.

The first school-house was built on the high ground, on the west side of the Auglaize River, at the mouth of the Blanchard, in 1829, with Lewis Sroufe, Teacher.

In 1831 or 1832, Benjamin Clevenger built a mill on Sugar Creek, and Jacob Ridenour a horse mill, on the Blanchard. The first was a *wet weather mill;* the other could grind about a bushel of corn an hour. In 1836, Guthrie & Sarber erected a mill at Kalida; and, in 1837, Elisha Stout built one at Gilboa.

AN INCIDENT.

At the burning of the Court House, in Kalida, the Treasurer of the County was at home in bed when the alarm was given. He secured his pantaloons and boots, and left without further delay. On reaching his office he found the fire had made such progress that it would be impossible to remove the safe, which was one more in name than reality, and in which was all the funds of the county, as well as many private deposits. He stood for a moment perplexed, when his wife, who had as hastily followed him, without bonnet or apron, and comprehending the situation, quickly gathered the skirt of her dress around her waist, made a depository for the funds, which were at once transferred thereto, and as speedily carried through the streets to her home, where all was found safe to the last dollar.

KALIDA.

From 1843 to 1848, quite a number of young men settled at Kalida for the purpose of making a start in life; and, perhaps it would be difficult to find an equal number of young men starting together who have made a better record. To enumerate:—

John Morris, attorney, removed to Indiana, when, in 1852, he was elected Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, a position he held for many years.

Alonzo A. Skinner, attorney, removed to Oregon, where he received the appointment of Territorial Judge, an office that he held until Oregon became a State.

William H. Ball, attorney, removed to Zanesville, O., where he became distinguished in his profession. During the War of the Rebellion he was Colonel of the One Hundred and Twenty-Second Regiment, Ohio Volunteers Infantry. Became a member of the Legislature of Ohio, and is now Judge of the Court in Muskingum County.

Benjamin F. Metcalf, attorney, became a member of the State Legislature, and for fourteen years, until his death, was Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. He died at Lima, O., February 27, 1865, and, at the time of his death, had held the position of Judge longer than any one in the State.

James McKensie, attorney, also became a member of the State Legislature and Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for fourteen years.

R. W. Thrift, physician, became eminent as a physician; was surgeon in the army during the War of the Rebellion, holding the positions of of Regimental, Brigade, and Division Surgeon, in the Army of the Cumberland, and, at the close of the war, removed to Lima, O., and was selected as Professor of Gynecology in the Medical College at Fort Wayne, Ind.

C. M. Godfrey, physician, held the office of County Treasurer for four years; was elected and served as Senator in the State Legislature; was Trustee of the Insane Asylum, at Newburg, from 1852 to 1856, and Trustee of the Asylum, at Dayton, from 1876, a position he still holds.

A. V. Rice, banker, Ottawa, O., at the outbreak of the Rebellion, went into the service from Kalida, and remained during the war, serving with distinction in the Western armies, and holding the positions of Second Lieutenant, Captain, Lieutenant Colonel, Colonel, and Brigadier General, in the Volunteer service; he was a member of the Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Congresses of the United States, and was candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Ohio, on the Democratic ticket, in the fall of 1879.

T. E. Cunningham, attorney, became prominent as an attorney; was a leading member of the Constitutional Convention for Ohio in 1872-73; was Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Fifth District, and Commissioner of the Board of Enrollment for the same district.

Levi Rice, attorney, removed to Oregon, where he was elected and served as Judge of the Court for several years before his death.

John McClure, attorney, went into the army during the Rebellion, as Quartermaster, and, at the expiration of four years, having been promoted through the several grades to that of Major, at the close of the war, was appointed Associate Justice, and afterwards Chief Justice of the State of Arkansas.

COURTS.

George B. Holt served as President Judge at the April and November terms of the Court of Common Pleas in 1835; William L. Halfenstine at the March term, 1836.

In May, 1834, the courts ordered that Justices of the Peace be elected in Union, Sugar Creek, and Blanchard Townships.

In April, 1835, it was ordered that Justices of the Peace be elected in Monroe, Riley, Ottawa, Greensburg, Pleasant, and Richland Townships, and under this order the following gentlemen were duly elected and qualified, to-wit:—

James Martin, July 29, 1834; James Nicholas, August 1, 1834; James Cochran, August 6, 1834; Henry N. Myers, August 11, 1834; Andrew McClure, October 11, 1834; Daniel W. Gray, May 28, 1835; Luke Tipton, July 16, 1835; William Clevenger, July 20, 1835; Thomas Gray, July 25, 1835; John Cox, August 26, 1835.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The first marriage on record in the county was that of George Mell and Mary Ord, Sunday, June 15, 1834. The second was that of John Tegardin and Diana Ord, Thursday, October 2, 1834.

The first bond (except official bonds) on file in the county was given by Daniel L. Goble, with Ebenezer Goble as surety, in the penal sum of five hundred dollars, the conditions of which were that a negro girl, named Rachel, whom he had brought into the State of Ohio, should not become a public charge.

The first naturalization papers were granted to John Francis Kahley, a native of the Kingdom of Hanover; and to James Watkins, a native of Wales, November, 1835.

The first order of notice by publication, made by the courts, was at the May term, 1835, in a case between Joshua Waggonseller *vs.* Jacob Dewees, when the court ordered that "notice of the pendency of this suit, and the substance of the bill and the prayer thereof, be published for four consecutive weeks in the *Saturday Evening Post*, a newspaper published in Philadelphia; the first publication to be two months previous to the next term of this court, and a copy of the same to be posted on the door of the Court House four months previous to the next term of this court."

MIXING THE RECORDS.

In Volume I., page 8, of the Journal of the Court of Common Pleas, 1836, may be found this entry:—

"The Court appoint James Taylor, Clerk *pro tem.*, of this Court, on the resignation of Daniel W. Gray, who thereupon gave bond, approved by Court, and the oath required by law. On application of William Phillips, for a renewal of his tavern license, which was granted by the Court. Him, the said Taylor, gave bond and took the oath of office as Clerk."

There may also be found, on page 30, of the marriage record, the following certificate:—

"STATE OF OHIO, } ss.
"PUTNAM COUNTY, }

"I do hereby certify that I solemnized the marriages between David Sloufer and Elizabeth Nicewarner, one part, on the 1st day of June, 1837; more yet, John Armstrong and Elizabeth Strain, second part, on the 5th day of August, 1837; more yet, Christian Lugabill and Catharine Sloufer, third part, on the 5th day of October, 1837.

"Given under my hand this 11th day of December, 1837.

"WINFORD PRUCY."

STATISTICS.

The population, valuation of property, and taxes, from 1830 to 1870, are shown in the following tabulated extract:—

YEAR.	Population.	Valuation on Duplicate.	Taxes.
1830	230	----------	----------
1840	5,189	----------	$ 4,464 32
1850	7,221	$ 882,729	14,879 76
1860	12,808	3,044,018	54,021 55
1870	17,081	5,211,277	130,277 22

ORGANIZATION OF TOWNSHIPS.

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP.

THIS township was known as North Blanchard, and, prior to its organization, was attached to Blanchard township, and for many years was the common hunting-grounds for the "Nimrods" of this and the adjoining counties. The Leipsic, Campbell, and Belmore ridges cross this township from west to east. What it was originally is better described by James Heaton, who surveyed it in 1821, and in his notes he says: "While surveying this township, I dug five wells, twenty inches deep, for water, the swamp water being unfit for use. At some future day this swamp will probably be drained, as it may be in four or five different directions. The soil in this township averages as good second rate; but at present the land is so wet and miry, and there are such masses of fallen timbers, that there appears to be nothing inviting to the agriculturist to settle it."

The first settler in this township was Abraham Baughman, in 1835. A few others came about the same time; among them, Hiram Hull, Ludwick Hull, Elvington A. Hull, William Kilpatrick, James Reed, James Davis, and John Broadsword. Several attempts were made to organize the township, but failed for want of voters. Finally Abraham Baughman gave his bond to secure the county against loss, and then on the order of the Commissioners, the township was organized, and the first election held February 18, 1843, at the house of Abraham Baughman. Twelve votes were cast, nine resident and three imported for the occasion. The officers elected and qualified were: Trustees—Abraham Baughman, Elvington A. Hull, and John Davis; Clerk, Marcus L. Thrapp; Treasurer, Elvington A. Hull; Overseers of Poor, Jacob Nemire and Adam Krites; Fence Viewers, Abraham Baughman and David Tyner; Constable, Lemuel Hickerson. March 6, 1843, the trustees met and organized the township into two school districts—No. 1 being the east half, and No. 2 the west half of the township. At an election held April 3, 1843, a full board of officers were elected, and the township divided into two road districts, being the same as the school districts, with Burdett Hull and John Davis, Supervisors. A special election was held May 20, 1843, and Elvington A. Hull elected the first Justice of the Peace. Leipsic Station was laid out by J. B. Swartz, in 1859, and Montgomeryville—now Belmore—was laid out by W. G. Montgomery, in 1862. As an evidence of the rapid development of this township, we find that at the October election, in 1848, nineteen votes were cast for Governor, and at the October election, in 1879, four hundred and seventy-six votes were cast.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP.

THE first settler in this township was Alexander Montooth, in 1835; later in the same year came Charles Hoffsteater, Nicolas and J. R. McConnell, Samuel James, James and John Irvin, John Krebbs and O. C. Pomeroy, in 1836; other settlers who came among them were H. S. Ramsey, Jacob Sigler, Henry Knopp, James Woodell, Robert Lowry and perhaps a few other families. The records being lost, a full list of the names of the first officers could not be obtained. This township was organized in April, 1837. Nicolas McConnell was elected the first Justice of the Peace; J. R. McConnell, Constable. The first settlements were made on what is known as the Ridge. Owing to the many swamps and ponds it was at first very unhealthy and prevented the rapid development of the township; but since 1860 a number of drains and ditches have been made and the health has been improved, and much good land has been brought into cultivation. The first town was Medary, laid out, in 1845, by the late Judge Palmer, who erected a mill and kept a small store. This mill was quite a curiosity, built for a grist and saw-mill, with the grist mill above. The town of Leipsic was laid out by John Peckinpaugh, in 1853 or 1854, and for a time was quite a thriving village. Its present growth is more gradual.

PALMER TOWNSHIP.

THIS township was for many years known as North Greensburg. It was the last township organized in the county, and named in honor of the late Judge Palmer. By order of the Commissioners, it was organized in the winter of 1854, and the first election was held at Kerns' school house, January 1, 1855. Thirteen votes were cast. Officers elected were: Trustees—John Frazee, John Kerns, and John S. Welch; Treasurer, John Hamilton; Clerk, David Caldwell; Justice of the Peace, John Kerns; Constable, David Caldwell. This township lies in the Black Swamp, and was considered the wettest township in the county, prior to the enactment of the ditch laws. North and South Powells Creek are the principal outlets for drainage. These streams were the abodes of Nature's first engineers—the beavers. They constructed extensive dams across these creeks, and overflowed thousands of acres of land from one to eight feet deep. These extensive tracts of marsh have gradually filled up with decayed grasses and vegetation, forming a large area of rich muck land. The first attempt to reclaim and drain this land was made by Michael Williams, in 1860, which was a partial success. Since that time many ditches have been located and constructed (this being the main work of the township), and some of the richest lands in the county have been reclaimed, and larger crops of onions and potatoes per acre are raised in Palmer township than in any other in the State. In a few years, when these outlets are enlarged so that the lands can be thoroughly drained, they may justly be considered the garden of Northwestern Ohio. This township was of slow growth at first, but since 1858 has rapidly increased in population, and at the election in 1879, one hundred and seventy-six votes were polled. There are two villages in the township—Kieferville, on the line of the old proposed Continental Railroad; and North Creek, laid out in 1879, by William Schafer, on the line of the Toledo, Delphos & Burlington Railroad.

PERRY TOWNSHIP.

THIS township originally embraced the entire county and was organized in 1828 and called Perry township in honor of Commodore Perry. The township now contains thirty sections, the south tier of sections having been added to Jackson township in 1848. The first settlement made in the county is said to have been made on the Auglaize river, near the mouth of the Blanchard. The precise dates cannot be obtained, but from the recollections of some of the oldest citizens we record the following settlers, heads of families: Robert Wallen, in 1819; David Murphy, Thos. McClish, Silas McClish and Sebastian Shroufe, in 1821. In this year Sebastian Shroufe planted the first nursery in the county, on what is now the Andrews' farm, and from it all the old orchards in this part of the county were started. In 1823 Andrew Craig, —— Cavanaw, Daniel Sullivan and William Bowen; in 1825, William Harrell; in 1826, John Ridenour and Dimmit Mackrill; in 1827, William Bishop, Joseph Frazee and Joel Wilcox, Abel Crossley, and perhaps a few others, came about this time.

The first election was held in 1828 at the house of Sebastian Shroufe. The officers elected were: Trustees, William Harrell, Abel Crossley and John Ridenour; Clerk, Silas McClish; Treasurer, Joel Wilcox; Supervisor, William Bishop; Justice of the Peace, Sebastian Shroufe; Constable, Dimmit Mackrill.

This township, although the oldest in the county, has improved slower than any other, the early settlements having been made along the rivers, where there is much good bottom lands and now many valuable farms. Franconia was laid out by Amos Kendall, in 1837, and at one time was quite a noted point of trade. Here was the noted "Home in the Wilderness," presented in Howe's History of Ohio. The double log cabin was built by Sebastian Shroufe, and later kept as a tavern by P. B. Holden. The first store in this place was kept by Parlee Carlin. This town is now "deceased." Dupont, on the north side of the river, and on the line of the Toledo, Delphos & Burlington Railroad, is quite a thriving village, and a good point of trade. The first road opened in this township was on the south side of the Auglaize River.

A good story is told of Dimmit Mackrill, who was Road Supervisor in 1832. He thought that his road district embraced the entire county. He mounted his horse and notified all the men that were then living along the Blanchard, from the mouth of the river to the Hancock County line, to be and appear on a certain day to work on the road on the south side of the Auglaize River. Some of the settlers obeyed the summons and went the distance of twelve miles to perform labor on the highways; the others did not appear.

MONROE TOWNSHIP.

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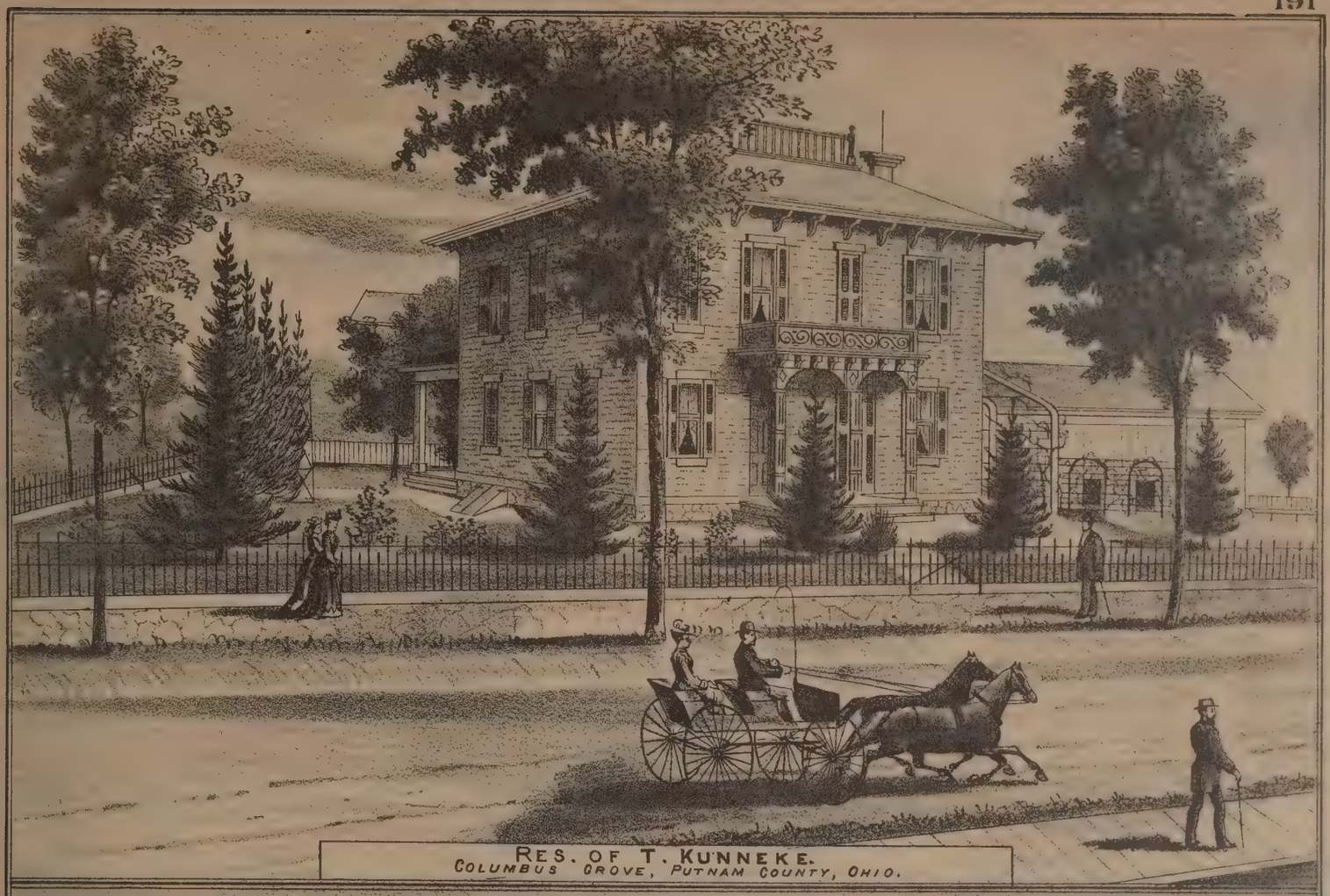

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MAP OF LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

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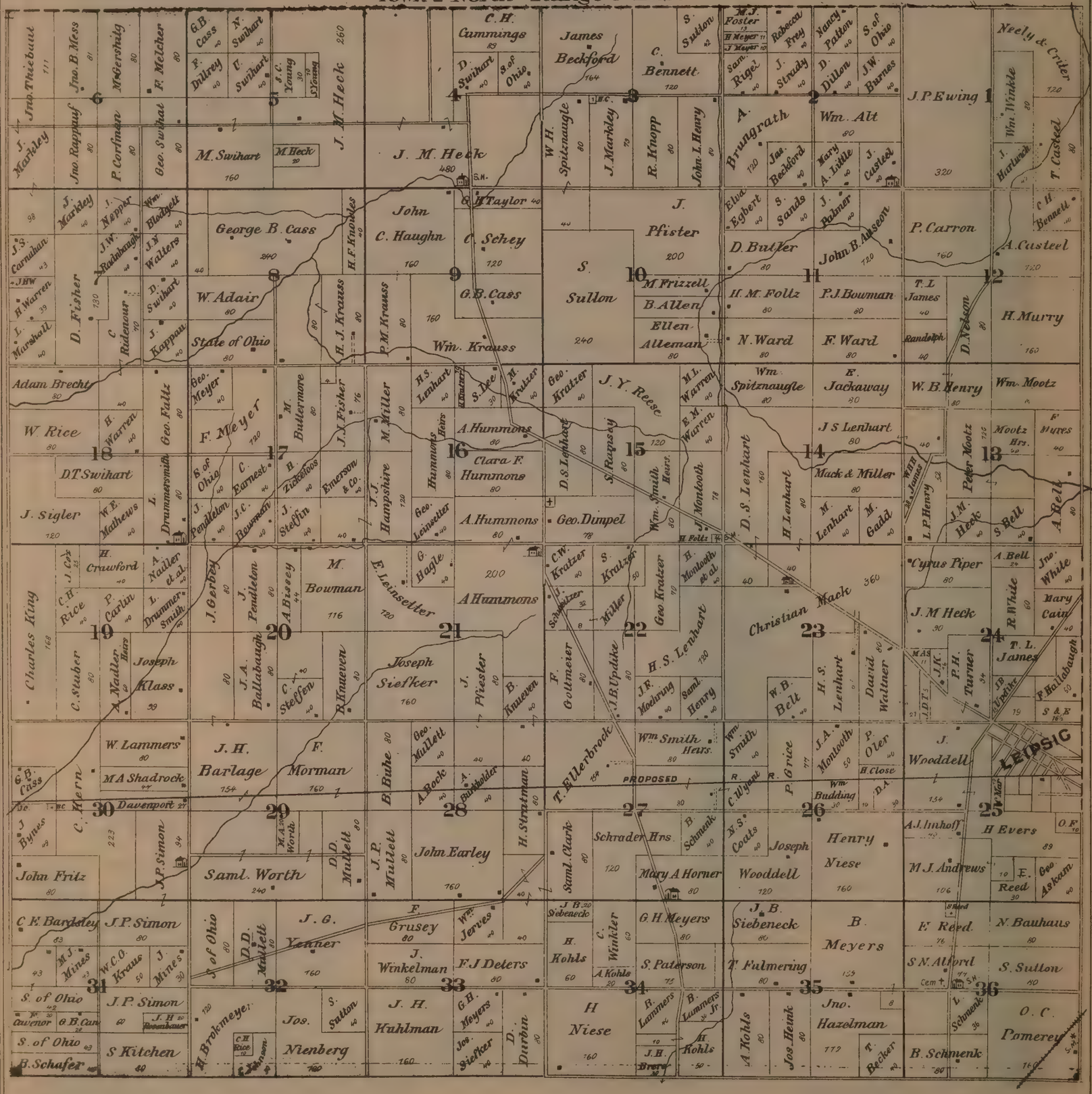
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William Moore, D. D. Barnes, James Early, Samuel Birge, and D. D. Murphy. The township was organized and the first election held April 5, 1852. Officers: Trustees—William Moore, John and Eli Fickle; Clerk, James Early; Treasurer, John Grant; Supervisor, Solomon McCullough. Twelve votes were cast. The township was then one road and one school district. The first school was taught by George Krites, in a cabin on Section 5. There are now six school and six road districts. The expenses of the first year were $39; of the last year, $300. Prior to its organization this township was known as North Perry, and attached to Perry township.

GREENSBURG TOWNSHIP.

THIS township was organized and the first election held in April, 1835. Officers elected were: Trustees, Wm. Bell, Abraham Crow and Joshua Powell: Clerk, Fredric Brower; Treasurer, Nutter Powell; Justice of the Peace, Fredric Brower. The township was named by Henry Wing, who built the first cabin, and occupied it with his family in 1825. He was a representative man of the early pioneers of the Maumee Valley, having been employed in 1814 to guard a boat-load of supplies near the mouth of the Blanchard for the army, and later, 1819 to 1822, was employed by Captain Riley, to assist in the surveys made in Northwestern Ohio. He was killed in 1844 by the falling of a tree, at the time of the opening of the Ottawa and Defiance free turnpike road.

The next settlers were Isaac Owen and John Myers, in 1832; Fredric Brower, Nutter Powell, Levi Grove and John F. Kahle, in 1833—(he was the first foreigner naturalized in the county); Nicholas Prynne, Abraham Crow, Christian Bear and Alex. Berryhill, in 1834; Joshua Powell, Wm Bell, James Crow, Wm. Phillips and John Neill, in 1835.

This township was of slow growth. At the first election eight votes were cast, and for Governor, in 1879, one hundred and ninety-six votes were polled. The south tier of sections were attached to Union Township in 1848. There are now along the Blanchard many valuable bottom farms, and since the era of ditches much of the swamp lands have been drained, and many excellent farms have been developed in this township where a few years ago it was thought the land was worthless. When properly drained this soil has been found to be as productive as any other in the county.

OTTAWA TOWNSHIP.

OTTAWA TOWNSHIP, organized the first Monday of March, 1835, held the first election at Michael Row's, April 6, 1835. The first officers were: Trustees—George Agner, William Galbreath, and James Adgate; Treasurer, Michael Row; Clerk, William Sackett; Constable, William Bowman; Supervisors, Michael Row and William Galbreath; Overseers of Poor, Merideth Parrish and Samuel Clark; Fence Viewers, Michael Row and Samuel Runyon; and, on the order of Court for an election, held May 3, 1835, John Cox and William Williams were chosen as the first Justices of the Peace for the township.

The town of Ottawa was laid out by Aughinbaugh and Barnett, in June, 1834, and was the site of the old Indian town of Lower Tawa, named after the tribe of Indians who had a reserve of about twenty-eight sections of land in this township, which they sold to the United States in 1832, and then left for the Indian Territory, beyond the Missouri (now Kansas). Pomeroy's addition to the town was laid out in 1854; Hubbard's, in 1856; Ewing & Son, in 1859; Slauson & Ewing's first addition, in 1866; their second addition in 1868.

The first hewed log-house in Ottawa was built by Michael Row, and the first frame-house by William Williams, the siding being made of clapboards neatly shaved and jointed. Father John W. Horstman, William Guelker, and John F. Kahle were the first pioneers of Glandorf, in 1833, followed, in 1834, by the Ellerbrocks, Schierlohs, Duling, Moorman, and others, in all nine families.

BLANCHARD TOWNSHIP.

THIS township embraced originally the townships of Van Buren, Riley, Blanchard and Richland (now in Allen county), and was then known as Blanchard township, Williams county, with the county seat at Fort Defiance, and was organized in the fall of 1833, on the order of court. There were then but eight voters living within the present limits of the township.

The first settler in this then extensive township was Otho W. Crawfis, sen. (now 81 years old), and his wife, Sarah (Agner) Crawfis (now 66 years old). They came from Fairfield County, Ohio, and settled October 17, 1831, where he now resides. He was the pioneer settler of the east half of Putnam County, and was followed in 1832 by Samuel Hall, Joseph Hickerson and H. M. Crawfis, who built the fourth cabin in the township.

In 1833 there was an addition of the families of Abram Hardin, Hezekiah Bonham, Wm. Prickett, Calvin and Alex. Morehead. The first sermon preached in the east half of this county was at the cabin of Samuel Hall, by the Rev. Elam Day, of the M. E. Church, in the fall of 1832. The first white child born in the township was Martin Hickerson, in 1833.

In 1834 there was a further addition of the families of Charles Guysinger, Andrew McClure, Thomas McClure, Geo. Shoemaker, Joseph Bowen, Samuel Hickerson, Joseph Wade, Henry Pope and Wm. Patrick. The first marriage was Samuel Myers and Margaret Hardin, December 25, 1833; and in the same year occurred the first death, a Miss Killpatrick.

In 1835 other families came, among them George Stewart, John Stewart, George Bacon and Azariah Smith. The town of Gilboa was laid out, and the first grist mill built, by Elisha Stout, in 1837. The first tavern in Gilboa was kept by Benjamin Stewart, the first store by Edward Mercer, and the first frame house in the village was built by Nelson McCallister.

The first election was held at the house of Otho W. Crawfis, sen., and the officers elected were: Trustees: Otho W. Crawfis, sen., Samuel Hall and Abram Hardin; Clerk, Joseph Hickerson; Justice of the Peace, Otho W. Crawfis, sen. Mr. Hickerson carried the returns to Defiance and was sworn in as Clerk, and on his return the other officers were sworn by him. This township was then organized into one road district, with Otho W. Crawfis as supervisor, with but seven or eight men in the four townships to perform labor on the roads. The Findlay and Defiance road was the first opened.

Otho W. Crawfis, sen., says that when he received his commission as Justice of the Peace from Defiance, signed by Governor Lucas, for Blanchard township, Williams county, that he returned it, believing that he then lived in Putnam county. In due time it was returned to him with the official information that his commission was correct.

Owing to the fact that the early records of this township were burned, a fuller sketch of its history could not be obtained.

RILEY TOWNSHIP.

RILEY TOWNSHIP was temporarily organized in 1834, and then embraced what afterwards was Richland Township (now in Allen County). The first election was held at the house of Thomas Gray, in April, 1834. Officers elected were: Trustees—Thomas Gray, Joseph DeFord, and John Stout; Clerk, William Hand; Supervisor, Bildad Hubbard; Justice of the Peace, Thomas Gray; Constable, George Farnum. In April, 1835, the township was permanently organized, and the following officers elected: Trustees—John Stout, Moses Rice, and George Wilson; Clerk, N. H. Bagley; Supervisor, Bildad Hubbard; second Justice of the Peace, J. D. Wamsley; Constable, George Farnum. In 1847, the south tier of sections of this township were attached to Allen County.

The first settler in the township was Thomas Gray, in 1832, followed, in 1833, by John Sigafoose, Adam Stout, John Stout, Bildad Hubbard, Moses Rice, B. F. Dunning. In 1834, George Bushong, Thomas Lake, James Bunn, J. D. Wamsley, William Hand, John Hand, Jacob Clover, George Farnum, Myron Rice, Isaiah Cook, N. H. Bagley, Peter Rice, William Thrapp, George Blackburn, George Alkire, Stephen Cortright, and George Wilson; in 1835, Jesse Hall and a few others came. These were known as the English or Yankee settlers.

Of the German Manoese, the first settlers were in 1833—Daniel Nicewander and Dorse Amstutz; in 1834, Christian Suter, Christian Basinger, and Christian Bucher (who died in 1879 at the age of one hundred years and seven months; his wife died in 1835, and was the first death in this settlement); in 1835, Christian Shoemaker, John Shoemaker, John Basinger, Ulric Basinger, John Musser, and Christian Steiner; in 1836, John Diller, Christian Amstutz, Christian Lugabill, John Geiger, John Lugabill, Christian Basinger, and David Staufer. This settlement has gradually increased, and now embraces nearly one-half of the township, and here are some of the best improved farms in the county. Their first preacher was Christian Steiner; Deacon, Christian Basinger; and the first church

(hewed log) was built in 1840. Previous to this, services were held in the cabins and barns of the settlers.

The first school was taught in this township by William J. Wilson, in 1836–37, in a house built on what is now the Grismore farm; the next school-house was on Moses Rice's farm, built the same year. The first road located through the township was the Williamstown road; the next was the Findlay and Van Wert road; and, on the authority of N. H. Bagley, who was one of the Viewers, with B. F. Dunning, Surveyor, we relate the following: The order was for the survey of the road east from Adam Turner's, in Pleasant Township, to the county line. Land was cheap and settlers few, and the ridge was the only dry ground. The Viewers started out in the forest, one of them carrying a large cow-bell, and, having determined, as near as they could, the center of the ridge, would leave one of their number with the bell, which he was to ring. The Surveyor would then take the course and steer for the bell. On arriving at the station, the bell-carrier would make another advance in the forest and repeat as before; in this way the best and most crooked road in the county was run.

The town of Columbia (now Pendleton) was laid out by John Stout in 1837. He built his mills in 1835. The first house was built by John Sigafoose, and the first tavern and store was kept by Joseph Patterson. The village now contains about one hundred and fifty inhabitants, and has two churches—Methodist and United Brethren.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP.

THE first settlement in what is now Pleasant Township was made in 1832, and the earliest residents were William Turner, Eckless Ney, McDonald Osborn, Henry Morris, James Porter and Wm. McComb. In November, 1833, John Featheringill came in with his family, a wife and a young babe, getting lodging in an Indian camp until he could erect a cabin. That same year John B. Bogart purchased land, and moved on it in March, 1834. Soon after followed Adam and James Turner.

John B. Bogart and six others, the only voters in the township at the time, organized the township in 1834. The other six were, Wm. Turner, Adam Turner, John Featheringill, Noham Smith, Abe Fuller and Wm. Casebolt. The public road, leading from Wapakoneta to Perrysburg, was then laid out, but not opened. Five years later the township contained about one hundred inhabitants, and fifteen to twenty voters.

The first births in the township were the twin girls, Martha and Rebecca, of Wm. Turner, in 1833. They both lived to be grown and married. The first death among these settlers was a child, six or eight months old, of McDonald Osborn, which died about December, 1833, and it was the first burial in the grave-yard at Truro Church. A log school-house was built in 1836, half a mile northeast of Columbus Grove, and here the first public school was taught in the winter of 1836–37, by John Wamsley. The postoffice was established in 1844, with Adam Turner as postmaster. The first manufacturing interest established here was an ashery and a clay pottery factory, by a man named Durfee. Soon after this a store of supplies was opened by Sheldon Guthrie. The principal trade was exchange of goods for furs, there being very little money in the country. A good hunting hound was worth $100, and the settlers would receive from the Government $3 or $4 for a wolf scalp. They depended chiefly on this resource to get money to pay their taxes.

The first gospel sermon in the township was in John B. Bogart's cabin, in 1834, by a young man named Cutler, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The same year there came a Rev. Mr. Morris, of the Protestant Methodist Church; then the "boy preacher," Michael Long, of the United Brethren Church. Two years later came a Presbyterian minister named Poge or Page, and organized a church of that order. At an early day the Baptists held services at the house of James Turner. The town of Columbus Grove was laid out in the winter of 1842, by Frederick Fruchey. It was incorporated in 1864; with David Jones as Mayor. The railroad was built through the township in 1858.

UNION TOWNSHIP.

THE first settlers (heads of families) were Abram Sarber and John Guffey in 1831, followed in 1832 by Geo. Clevenger and Joseph Clevenger, and in 1833 with an addition of seven families, viz.: Adam Sarber, Jacob Clevenger, Samuel Clevenger, Jenkin Hughs, Wm. Clevenger, Samuel Gander and Daniel Rimer. In 1834 there was a further addition to the township of the families of Moses Lee, Robert McCracken, Isaac McCracken, Wm. Phillips, Sheldon Guthrie, Arthur E. Martin and Joseph Miller.

The first sale of lots in Kalida occurred June 24, 1834. Moses Lee bought the first lot and built the first cabin; his son, H. G. Lee (still living), cut the first log. During the same year Sheldon Guthrie built the first frame house, with clapboard siding, which is now standing as a relic of the past. In this building he established the first store in Kalida in the same year.

At this time the township was temporarily organized, the officers being appointed by court, and the township organized into one road district, with John Guffey as supervisor. The temporary officers met March 2, 1835, consisting of Moses Lee, Wm. Clevenger and Adam Sarber as Trustees, and Abram Sarber as Clerk. It was ordered that the township be divided into three road districts, and that the electors be notified by *advertisement* by the Clerk "of the town meeting" for the election of township officers, "as required by law." They also issued orders of $1.50 each for services as Trustees; also an order to Abram Sarber for 75 cents for his services as Clerk for the past year.

April 2, 1835, the electors met at the house of Wm. Phillips and the following officers were elected and sworn in the same day: Trustees, William Clevinger, Adam Sarber and Richard Lee; Clerk, Abram Sarber; Treasurer, Wm. Clevenger; Supervisors, John Guffey, Geo. Clevenger and Johnston Crawford; Overseers of Poor, Moses Lee and Winchton Risley; Fence Viewers, Winchton Risley and F. C. Fitch; Justices of the Peace, Wm. Clevenger and Moses Lee; Constables, James M. Lee and Henry Guffey.

The first tax levied was one mill on the dollar, March 7, 1836, and the expenditures for the year 1836 were $15.40. Receipts from taxes, etc., were $4.40.

On the 10th day of September, 1836, the Trustees met and divided the township into two school districts; District No. 1 being the south part of township, two and a-half miles wide by six miles long; District No. 2, three and a-half miles wide by six miles long.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP.

THIS township was of slow growth at first, the settlements having been made along the Auglaize River, where there is some excellent bottom land and valuable quarries of limestone, which will at some future day afford the materials for making roads in this and the adjoining townships. The want of good roads is now the principal hindrance to the rapid development of this township. The Canal, the Toledo, Delphos & Burlington Railroad, and River, are the outlets for trade. This township now contains twenty-six sections of land; twenty of these it originally contained, and an addition of six sections from Perry was made in 1848.

The early records being lost, the date of the organization and names of the first officers cannot be obtained. The first Justice of the Peace was Thaddeus Harris; first Constable, William H. Harris. The first family that settled in the township was that of Elias Wallen, in 1822; Rufus Carey, John Horter, in 1823; Thaddeus Harris, in 1825; Thomas Carder, in 1830; Philip, Joseph, and George Comer, Edward Ladd, and John Hedrick, in 1833. Others came later. When drained, the soil of this township is as good as any in the county, and on Leatherwood Creek and the Auglaize are many productive farms.

MONTEREY TOWNSHIP.

THIS township was formed from the west tier of sections of Jackson township as it was originally, with the addition on the west from Van Wert County of eighteen sections. This was at the time when the new county of Auglaize was made, in 1848. The farms are generally small, and but few large tracts of land are held by non-residents. It is settled principally by Germans. The first settlers in this township were Henry Schroeder and Henry Unland, in 1845, Joseph Gruver in 1846, and in 1847 John Livingston, Jonas Dash, Conrad Henry, Bernard Esch, and Matthias Schroeder in 1849. This township was organized on the order of the Commissioners, and the first election held at the house of Joseph Gruver, January 19, 1850. Eleven votes were polled. Officers elected and qualified were: Trustees, Bernard Esch, Henry Schroeder, and Joseph Gruver; Clerk, Jonas Dash. The board met March 7, 1850, and organized the township into two road and two school districts. District No. 1 con-

stituted the north half, and No. 2 the south half of the township—the school districts being the same as the road districts. The expenses of the township for the first year were $5.25; expenses for 1878, $169.15. At the April election, 1851, a full board of officers were elected, and the trustees were the same as the year before; Treasurer, B. Esch; Assessor, Henry Schroeder; Supervisors, John Livingston and Matthias Schroeder. Bernard Esch was the first Justice of the Peace, and was elected May 18, 1850. The first Constable was Harvey Bacon, elected in April, 1851. As an evidence of the thrift and rapid growth of this township, we find that at the last election for Governor, October, 1879, two hundred and thirty votes were cast. The town of Ottoville was laid out in 1850 by Father Broedike, of Delphos, and is now a thriving village, with a population of about two hundred and fifty.

JENNINGS TOWNSHIP.

THIS township as now constituted embraces twenty-eight sections of land. The south half of the original township having been attached to Allen County, there was then added ten sections from Jackson township—and in giving its history we shall consider it as it was originally. The first actual settler who bought land and improved it was Samuel Washburn, who came in 1825 or 1826. He cleared two farms, and sold the first to Isaiah Clawson and the second to William Cochran, in 1827 or 1828. About this time came James Thatcher and William Scott, and perhaps a few others, who settled on the river. The first white child born to actual settlers was Thomas A. Washburn (now of Spencerville, Ohio), August 9, 1828. These were followed by John and James Cochran.

There was a temporary organization of the township in 1832 or 1833. William Cochran was the first Justice of the Peace. The records being lost it is difficult to get the true history of this township, or the date of its permanent organization. In 1833 there were several families, who came from Germany, who bought land and settled; among these were John Disher, Henry Wellman, C. Raabe, Henry Raabe, John Raabe, and, in 1834, H. J. Bœhmer, V. D. Emse, Geo. Cavalage, Mrs. —— Cavalage and Godfried Steirns. Others followed later. The returns show that at the fall election in 1834 there were but seventeen voters in the township.

The town of Fort Jennings was laid out by H. J. Bœhmer and takes its name, as well as the township, from Colonel Jennings, who was the commandant of the fort—a small stockade, enclosing about one acre of ground, on the west bank of the river, and below the bridge. There was then a fine spring on the river within the enclosure, which was occupied in the war of 1812 as a military post.

On the authority of James Nicolas, sen., of Gomer, the following incidents are related: Colonel Jennings sent a detachment of troops under Captain Wm. D. Jones on a foraging expedition to the Indian towns of Upper and Lower Tawa on the Blanchard. Among the soldiers who came were Knowles Shaw, Aaron Howard, James Howard, Henry and Thomas Montgomery. They came in from the west and crossed the river near the Glandorf bridge. This was in the month of August, 1813 or 1814. They found the towns deserted and feasted on roasting-ears, chickens and fat hogs for about one week, when they burned the Indian towns and destroyed all the growing corn.

SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP.

THIS township originally embraced thirty-six sections of land, and was surveyed in 1820 by James Riley. When Auglaize County was formed, in 1848, the south half of this township was attached to Allen County, and to compensate for the loss, two tiers of sections were added on the north from Union Township, which now contains thirty sections of land. Sugar Creek, from which the township was named, runs north through the center. On the west Hog Creek crosses the township in the same direction. This township, as originally constituted, contained more good land than any other in the county, being well watered. The streams affording a good outlet for drainage, made it a desirable township to settle in. The first settlement was made on Hog Creek, near Gomer, by Robert Martin and Solomon Sprague, in 1828, followed in 1829 by Benjamin Parker and —— McCoy; in 1830, William Clevenger, and in the same year the next settlement was made near Vaughnsville by Benjamin, Jacob, Joseph, George, and Samuel Clevenger. In 1831, they built the Clevenger Mill, the first grist mill in the county. The same year John Ensley and Peter Rhodes came, and, in 1832, Rhodes built the first saw mill in the county. In this year came the families of James Ramsey, Selah Bennum, Obed Martin, and Isaac Guffy. In 1833, there was a further addition of the families of Samuel Ramsey, James Nicholas, Thomas Watkins, David Roberts, Jackson Miller, Samuel McMullens, John Tegarden, Joseph Tegarden, and Henry Tegarden; in 1834, William Guffy, John Watkins, Henry Davis, John R. Jones, Richard Richards, David Crabill, and Joseph Ford; and, in 1835, John Deffenbaugh, and perhaps a few others.

This township was temporarily organized in 1832 or 1833, and then embraced what afterwards was Monroe, Pleasant, Union, and Sugar Creek Townships. The first Justice of the Peace was Obed Martin; the second, James Nicholas; first Constable, Samuel Ramsey; Trustees, George Niell, William Patrick, and Jackson Miller; Treasurer, Benjamin Clevenger; Clerk, James Nicholas.

At the election in October, 1834, for Governor, 34 votes were cast, and for Governor in 1879, two hundred and eighty-one votes were cast. Of the early settlers of the township but few are now living. William Guffy, now 73 years old, is living on the west bank of Hog Creek, on the same farm on which he built his first cabin, forty-seven years ago.

PERSONAL HISTORIES.

OTTAWA TOWNSHIP.

CHARLES ADAM—son of Andrew and Margaret Kuhn Adam, was born in Prussia, January 30, 1854; settled in Putnam county in 1877; married at Cleveland, August 13, 1874, Eva A. Dummeldinger. Mrs. Adam was born in Pennsylvania, August 18, 1852, and was daughter of Carl Dummeldinger. Three children are the fruit of their union, namely: Charles, born June 29, 1876; Elenora, May 2, 1878; Helena C., November 4, 1879. Mr. Adam is a teacher in Glandorf.

HENRY AGNER—son of George and Rachel (Mocherman) Agner, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, July 6, 1829; settled in this county in 1832. His wife, Rebecca, daughter of William and Rachel Sackett, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, March 18, 1830. Children: Russell H., born August 28, 1858; Melvin Otho, September 24, 1860; Henry W., January 20, 1863; George Edward, born September 28, 1865, *died* November 28, 1865. By occupation a farmer. Post-office, Ottawa.

GEORGE AGNER—son of George Agner and Rachel (Mockerman) Agner, was born in Fairfield county, in 1818, came with his parents to Putnam county in 1833. He married Elizabeth Sackett, October 21, 1847. Her parents were William and Rachel (Lile) Sackett, who came from Fairfield county and settled in Ottawa township in 1833. They have had nine children: William W., born August 9, 1848; Henry F., February 7, 1850; Rebecca D. (Sands), November 24, 1852 (lives in Riley township); James M., January 27, 1855; Elizabeth J., born March 15, 1859, *died* November 1, 1874; Sarah C., March 21, 1861; Zede, April 11, 1864, *died* October 19, 1865; John Y., May 10, 1866, and Myra, March 21, 1870. Six of the children reside in Ottawa township. George Agner died September 2, 1878. His father entered the land on which was the site of the old Indian town of Upper Tawa, and their burying ground was on his farm. The graves being shallow, he gathered the bones and buried them, which act highly incensed the few remaining Indians, and they threatened his life. He left with his family for a time, and when the Indians had been removed, he returned to his farm. Business, farming. Post-office, Ottawa.

MARTIN AGNER—son of George and Rachel Agner, was born in Fairfield county, December 24, 1830; came with his parents to this county in 1833. He was twice married; his first wife was Anna A. Nicewarner, who was born and married in Putnam county, by whom he had three children: Annie E., born January 3, 1856, now in Riley township; Allen C., December 22, 1859, and Sarah R., born ————, *died* October 11, 1859. Mrs. Agner died February 23, 1861. He married Catherine Lutz, October 29, 1862, in Hancock county. She was born in Hocking county, and came to this county with her parents, George and Chestina (Weaver) Lutz, in 1854, and is the mother of eight children: John W., born March 29, 1864; Edward L., October 1, 1865, *deceased*; Mary A., June 6, 1867; Charles E., October 21, 1869; Orval A., July 29, 1871; George H., March 29, 1872; Alva F., January 21, 1875, *died* February 21, 187 ; and Martin H., November 5, 1876. Mr. Agner died October 1, 1876. The children live with their mother. Business, farming. Post-office, Ottawa.

WILLIAM ALT—recorder of Putnam county, son of John and Anna Bernarding Alt, was born in Crawford county, Ohio, in 1841, and settled in this county in 1855. He married, in 1862, at Glandorf, Paulina Zink, born in Baden, in 1842, daughter of William and Elizabeth Sherar Zink, who came here in 1855. Their children are: Elizabeth A., born December 31, 1862; Sarah M., May 23, 1864; Sylvester P., December 5, 1865; Mary E., January 2, 1868; Jennie C., January 6, 1870. Post-office, Ottawa.

JOHN ALT—The subject of this sketch, son of John and Anna Bernarding Alt, was born in Prussia, June 22, 1833, and settled in this county in 1855. His wife, Adaline Lammers, to whom he was married June 9, 1869, was born in Brudea, in 1846. Her parents, Barney Lammers and Mary Grosholdwick, came to live in the county in 1858. Ten "olive plants" have been given him, namely: John F., born October 7, 1856, resides in Huron County, Ohio; Mary Catharine, born February 12, 1858, is also in Huron County; George A., August 12, 1860; Philip, November 16, 1863; Frank, March 23, 1865; Henry Barney, May 11, 1870; Dora Anna, June 25, 1872; William Louis, June 5, 1874; Rosa Cecillia, April 20, 1876; Edward Joseph, March 18, 1878. Mr. Alt was twice married. The first five children mentioned above were by his first wife, Catharine Kihm, a native of Bavaria, born February 9, 1835, *died* December 7, 1867. Frederick Alt enlisted in the 118th O. V. I., in 1862, and *died* April 8, 1865, in hospital in North Carolina. Business, farming. Post-office, Leipsic, Putnam county.

WILLIAM ALTEKRUSE—was born at Massillon, Stark county, Ohio, January 27, 1837. Son of Eberhard and Elizabeth (Janschult) Altckruse, who came to Putnam county in October, 1841. His wife, M. Theresa, was the daughter of Theodore and M. Christina (Hammer) Dickman, who came here a little earlier. She was born at Glandorf, January 15, 1842. They were married at Glandorf, October 30, 1860. Have ten children: M. Josephine, born August 10, 1861; M. Theresa, May 17, 1863; Philoma, August 21, 1865; Maria Louise, November 10, 1868; M. Magdalene, May 31, 1870; Elizabeth, September 29, 1871; E. William, December 25, 1873; Catharine, December 27, 1875; Caroline, October 24, 1877; Anna Paulina, November 4, 1878. Mr. Altckruse has held several township offices, and is at present county school examiner. Business, hotel keeper and dealer in dry goods. Post-office, Glandorf, Putnam county, Ohio.

WILLIAM ANNESSER—son of Michael and Mary A. (Sholl) Annesser, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, July 8, 1834, and settled here in 1879. His wife, Mary M. Fisher, daughter of Blasious Fisher and Mary A. Bush, was born at Baden, Germany, April 11, 1832. They were married in Auglaize county, Ohio, October 8, 1855, and the following children are the fruit of their union: William, born November 23, 1856; Andrew, February 13, 1858; George, July 26, 1859; Charles, November 12, 1861; Francis X., October 3, 1863; John, March 23, 1866; Joseph, April 11, 1870; Rosanna, May 25, 1873; Lewis F., February 26, 1877. Mr. Annesser is now engaged in running the Ottawa flouring mills under the new patent process.

HENRY AYRES—and Sarah A. Crowell were married in Putnam county, October 28, 1848. Mr. Ayres was born in Wayne county, Ohio, April 2, 1820, and came in the county in 1836. He was a son of John and Sarah (Wallahan) Ayres (both deceased), who came here in 1837. Mrs. Ayres' parents, Baltzer and Rebecca (Kitteman) Crowell, settled in the county in October, 1846; she was born at New Lisbon, Columbiana county, Ohio, March 27, 1824. Henry Ayres' grandfather, James Ayres, was a private soldier in the Revolutionary war. His father, John, was in the war of 1812, and held the office of first lieutenant. His uncle, James Ayres, was a captain under General Hull, was surrendered, but made his escape with his command to Urbana, Ohio, and was afterward discharged for disability caused by exposure in the campaign. His uncle, Wm. Ayres, was also a soldier in the war of 1812, and served in the South during the war. John Ayres, father of Henry, was a pioneer settler in Greensburg township, and died in January, 1852. Mr. Henry Ayres was a farmer up to 1855; then embarked in the mercantile business at Charloe, Ohio, and was successful, but owing to failing health, returned to his farm in Greensburg township in 1861. In 1866 he came to this place and engaged in the stock trade, and in 1870 he went into the manufacture and sale of furniture, and at present carries on the business of undertaking. He has been a man of public spirit and identified with the general growth and improvement of the town. Post-office, Ottawa.

SAMUEL S. BACON—son of George and Nancy Bacon, born in Licking county, Ohio, July 11, 1833, came with his parents to this county November 1, 1835. His wife, Emeline H., born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, August 28, 1833, was the daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Borst) Stewart, and they were married March 16, 1856, in Licking county, Ohio. Their two children are: Jessie Maria, born August 28, 1876, *died* January 12, 1873; and Gertrude P., born January 4, 1871, who resides with her parents in Ottawa. Judge Bacon served six years as justice of the peace in and for Blanchard township, in this county, from 1863 to 1869. In October, 1878, was elected judge of the probate court of the county, which position he now holds. His grandfather Bacon, and also his wife's father, served in the war of 1812.

HARVEY F. BEACH—son of Joseph and Rebecca Hays Beach, was born in the State of New York, June 26, 1824; came into this county in 1866; married at Etna, Licking county, Ohio, October 11, 1859, Irena, born in New York State in 1827, daughter of Ralph and Rebecca Rowe. Children: Martha and Rebecca, born ———— ————; Harvey W., born November 29, 1858; Ralph J., February 17, 1865. Business, livery and feed stable. Post-office, Ottawa.

JOHN BECK—settled in Putnam county in 1853. He was born in Mingen, Bavaria, December 26, 1827, son of Thomas and Barbara (Heil) Beck. Married at Glandorf, Ohio, October 26, 1853, Hannah Konst, whose parents, Peter and Hannah (Reisendig) Konst, came into this county in 1850. Mrs. Beck was born in Holland, April 26, 1836. Children: Barbara A., born October 29, 1854; Hannah, February 16, 1860; Peter, January 22, 1862; John, May 11, 1864; Monnyke, February 13, 1867; Josetta, August 7, 1869. Post-office, Ottawa. Business, butcher.

JAMES BERMINGHAM—son of John M. and Catharine (Ferich) Bermingham, was born in Sandusky City, and came to Putnam county, April 23, 1875. He was married at Delphos, June 17, 1875, and three children blessl the union; Thomas, born February 10, 1874; John B., born February 18, 1876, and Edward, born March 4, 1878. Business, spoke-finisher. Post-office, Ottawa.

JAMES S. BETHARD—who came into the county June 28, 1877, was born in Mill Creek township, Union county, Ohio, January 17, 1842, son of James and Sarah Bethard. He enlisted in Co. H, 18th U. S. I., on March 31, 1862, and was discharged from the army June 9, 1865, having lost the use of his left leg in the service. He was taken prisoner at Munfordsville, Ky., on the 15th of September, 1862, and was exchanged in January, 1863. Mr. Bethard was elected constable in April 1867, and served one year. Occupation, agent and correspondent of the *Toledo Evening Bee*. Post-office Ottawa.

FRANCIS MARION BLAKEMAN—son of Charles and Polly Maxin Blakeman who settled here in 1871, was born in Pleasant township, Hancock county, Ohio, and married at McComb, July 29, 1858. His wife, Laura, born in Marion county, Ohio, February 11, 1835, was daughter of Lewis and Fanny Wickham Carter (both dead), who came to Putnam county in 1835. They have had two children, namely: Louwelle M., born February 3, 1860; Elwood Ellsworth, born September 13, 1862, *died* August 23, 1864. He enlisted in the late war on August 22, 1864, was first sergeant of Co. K, 182d Regiment O. V. I., and remained such until the close of the war. The services of his ancestors in the war of 1812 may be seen in the sketch of David S. Blakeman. Mr. F. M. Blakeman is by occupation a school-teacher. Post-office, Ottawa.

DAVID SCHUYLER BLAKEMAN—city marshal of Ottawa, settled in this county in 1866. Was born in Pleasant township, Hancock county, Ohio, September 13, 1839. His parents, who came to live in this county in 1871, were, Charles Blakeman, born in Onondaga county, N. Y., in 1802, and Polly Maxin, born in New York in 1804. His wife was Almira Pennington, daughter of Jacob and Polly Pennington, and was born in Deerfield, Mahoning county, Ohio, September 8, 1845. They were married, April 16, 1866, at McComb, Hancock county. Mrs. Blakeman *died* September 20, 1879. Children: Orestus Liewallynn, born January 22, 1867, *died* May 10, 1868; Jacob Lynnville, June 9, 1869; Losie Ella, February 23, 1873; Nona, March 15, 1875. His grandfather, David Blakeman, was in the Revolutionary war from its beginning to its close; was in the battle of Lexington and all the engagements with Burgoyne, and at the close of the war was one of General Washington's body guard. David S. Blakeman enlisted in the war of 1861-65, on the first call for volunteers, in the 21st Regiment O. V. I., and afterwards enlisted for three years. Was first sergeant of Company D, 97th O. V. I., which position he held until April, 10, 1865, when he was commissioned second lieutenant and transferred to the 50th O. V. I. Was in the battles of Stone River, Chicamauga, Mission Ridge, Snow Hill, Nashville, Kenesaw Mountain, Tunnel Hill, and Atlanta. Was wounded at the battle of Chicamauga, which wound he still carries. His brother-in-law, R. S. Dilworth, was killed at Kenesaw Mountain, June 22, 1864. He was first lieutenant of Company G, 21st Regiment O. V. I.; was in the service from the beginning of the war until his death. His widow, Lois A. Dilworth, lives in Ottawa.

HON. DAVID I. BROWN—The subject of this sketch has had quite a public career for a number of years past. Was clerk of courts of this county from 1852 to 1858; member of Legislature for Putnam and Henry counties in 1860 and 1861; prosecuting attorney for Putnam county for 1862 and 1863; member of the Legislature again for 1878 and 1880, and re-elected for 1880-82. Mr. Brown's great grandfather Brown was a British brigadier general, with his command in this country; when the war of the Revolution commenced he took sides with the colonists and turned over his command to the Continentals. His grandfather, Mahlon Brown, was killed while in the military service, in the war of 1812, at Brownstown, Canada, by the Indians under Tecumseh. David I. Brown was son of Henry and Margaret Kneitz Brown, and was born in Wayne county Ohio, October 4, 1824, and settled in this county in 1847. He married, May 1st, 1849, in Hancock county, Elizabeth, daughter of George and Dorcas Smith Shaw. Mrs. Brown was born in Stark county, Ohio, April 10, 1827. Their children are: Remus R., born February 25, 1850, living at Dupont, Ohio; Helen J. (Knupp), born February 26, 1852, of Ottawa; Ella Adora (Hover), born February 24, 1855, now at Cridersville, Auglaize county; David I., born February 27, 1857, resides at Ottawa; Lizzie Florence, born December 22, 1861, *died* December 27, 1861. Flora Belle, born April 1, 1864, and Alice May, born November 3, 1866, live in Ottawa. Occupation, attorney-at-law. Post-office address, Ottawa.

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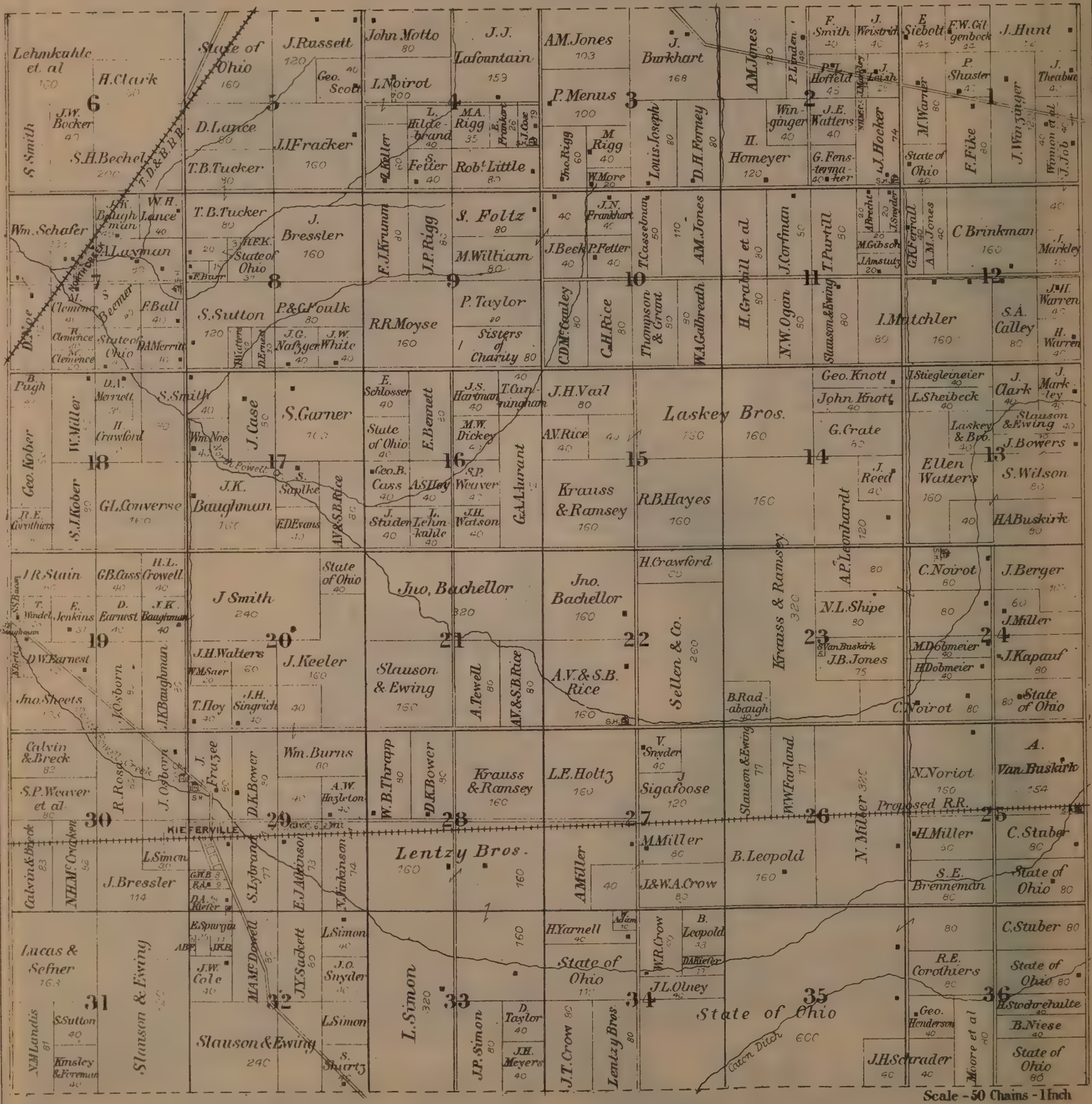

URS JOSEPH BORRER—was born in Switzerland, May 14, 1831, and settled in Stark county in 1848, with his parents, John and Mary Ann Borrer. His wife, Mary Ann (Seipel), daughter of Theobald and Margaret Seipel, was born in Hanistine Biron, May 11, 1843. They were married at Findlay, January 9, 1866. Children: Mary Louisa, born February 17, 1857; Catharina, born February 23, 1859; Frank Joseph, April 5, 1861; Elizabeth, April 9, 1863; John Henry, February 23, 1865; (the first five children were born by his first wife, Bridget Hertinger, whom he married in February 1854, and she died February 24th, 1865,) Margaret Susan, November 19, 1866; Bernhart, October 14, 1871; John Jacob, November 9, 1873; Rosa Mary, August 15, 1875; Charles Joseph, February 17, 1878. Mr. Borrer is a farmer of this township; post-office address, Leipsic. Has been school director several terms, and supervisor different times.

JOHN ANDREW BRINKMAN—who does a general business of carriage and wagon blacksmithing, was born in Greensburg township, this county, May 10, 1846. His father, Joseph Brinkman, came into the county in 1835. His mother's name was Elizabeth Klavekorn. He was married at Glandorf, in 1871, to Mary Kathrina Beckmann, who was born in Prussia, May 26, 1851. Their children are three: John Henry, born January 26, 1871; Charles, September 26, 1873; Mary Christine, March 4, 1875. Post-office, Ottawa.

FRANZ BRINKMAN—was born in Greenburg township, Putnam county, January 16, 1841. His parents, Joseph and Elizabeth (Klavekorn) Brinkman, came from Germany in 1835, and settled here. His wife, Maria Elizabeth Shoemaker, whose parents were Heinrich and Maria Anna (Rutenfrunz) Shoemaker, was born in Ottawa township, this county, in 1844. Her parents also came from Germany in 1842 or 1843. Franz Brinkman was married at Glandorf, May 12, 1869, and has six children: William Henry, born June 3, 1870; Maria Anna, May 6, 1872; Marie Elizabeth, June 4, 1873; Johannes, December 19, 1874; Maria Wilhimina, March 31, 1876; George Bernard, January 31, 1878. Business, wagon and carriage making. Post-office, Ottawa.

MARKEL F. BROOKS—station engineer on Dayton and Michigan Railroad, at Ottawa, son of Elisha and Margaret (Woods) Brooks, was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, June 24, 1835, and settled in this county, in December, 1859. He married in Hancock county, April 1, 1858, Elizabeth Bowers, who was born in Wayne county, June 17, 1834, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bysel) Bowers. Children: Melville R., born January 21, 1859; Effa E., born October 27, 1861, *died* November 9, 1865; Martha J., born November 14, 1864, *died* July 28, 1866; Laura E., July 28, 1867; Anna L., January 3, 1870; Grace, April 10, 1873; Eva, June 14, 1879. Mr. Brooks had five brothers in the Union army in the late war; his brother John being in Company I, 118th O. V. I. His grandfather, Edward Woods, was a soldier and pensioner in the Revolutionary war, and was in the battles of Bunker Hill and Brandywine. Post-office, Ottawa.

BERNARD BECKMAN—farmer, is a son of John B. H. and Elizabeth (Barlage) Beckman, and was born at Oldenburg, Germany, August 24, 1828, and settled in this county in 1846. His wife, Anna M., daughter of Herman H. and Mary A. (Wessel) Schonhoff, is a native of the same place, and was born November 2, 1832. They were married at Glandorf, January 6, 1848, and have had eight children: John, born January 6, 1853; Catharine, November 8, 1855; Bernard H., August 1, 1857; John H., April 15, 1862; Mary B., April 28, 1865; Anna M., June 10, 1868; Joseph, November 25, 1870; Elizabeth M., September 2, 1873. Address, Ottawa.

WILLIAM BRICKNER—was born in Wasserlos, Germany, December 31, 1840. His parents, George and Susannah (Bock) Brickner, were natives of Germany, and settled in this county in 1855. His father died August 27, 1870. His wife, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Barbara (Bihn) Weis, who are natives of Rhine-Pfaltz, and who came to the county in 1851, was born in Germany, January 17, 1845. They were married in New Cleveland, Ohio, January 30, 1865. She died January 6, 1879. Seven children have been born to them: Elizabeth, April 22, 1867; Susannah, December 14, 1868; George F., January 1, 1871; Catharine, December 16, 1872, *died* April, 1873; Eva B., December 18, 1875; John W., December 18, 1877; Joseph L., March 19, 1879. He has served as trustee and assessor of the township two years each. Occupation, farming and threshing. Address, Ottawa.

JOHN H. BUSCHER—farmer, son of Frederick and Anna M. (Bakrath) Buscher, was born in Hanover, Germany, December 23, 1832, and with his parents settled in Putnam county in 1845. He and Elizabeth Fenger were married May 1, 1855, at Glandorf, Ohio. Her parents, Anton and Elizabeth Fenger, also came from Hanover, Germany, settling in this county in 1835. She died June 26, 1875. They had nine children: John D., born September 2, 1857; John H., October 24, 1859; Mary E., February 6, 1862; Anna M., May 5, 1864; Catharine E., September 2, 1866; Frederick H., December 20, 1868; Mathias, August 13, 1871; Maria A., April 21, 1873; Joseph, June 17, 1875. His brother Christian was in the war of the Rebellion, and was a member of Company I, 37th O. V. I., serving two years. He was at the storming and taking of Vicksburg, and was under General Sherman at the taking of Dalton, where he was wounded and discharged. Address, Ottawa.

JAMES S. CARTWRIGHT—civil engineer and deputy county surveyor, is a native of Putnam county, having been born here in 1835. His parents, Wm. W. Cartwright and Paulina A. Bowman, settled here in 1846.

JOHN CLAFON—and Catharine Recker, his wife, are both natives of Putnam county, the former born April 2, 1841, son of Garrett and Elizabeth Sponoff Clafon, who settled here in 1837; the latter born February 25, 1850, daughter of H. H. and Mary K. Recker, who came into the county in 1835. They were married at Glandorf, July 3, 1867, and have five children, namely: Harma, born June 5, 1868; Anna, November 16, 1870; Henry, December 15, 1873; Elizabeth April 29, 1876, *deceased;* Mollie, May 29, 1879. Post-office address, Ottawa. Business, farming.

FRANZ WILHELM DETERS—a farmer of this township, settled in the county April 14, 1848. He was born at Oldenburg, Germany, April 14, 1814, son of Heinrich and Maria A. Deters. Was married at Cincinnati, May 14, 1844, to Redecker, daughter of Gerhard H. and Anna M. (Meiers) Redecker, who came into this county in 1838. Mrs. Deters was born in Hanover, December 18, 1826. Their family are: Frank J., born August 24, 1845, lives in Liberty township; Agnes, born December 25, 1847, *deceased;* August, born February 4, 1848, *deceased;* Anna M., born May 29, 1850, *deceased;* Gerhard H., born January 17, 1853, now in Cincinnati; Maria C., born April 18, 1855; Theodore J., May 13, 1858; Joseph A., October 8, 1863; Bernard, November 20, 1865, *deceased;* Wilhelm, October 11, 1868. Post-office, Glandorf.

SAMUEL F. DeFORD—superintendent of the Ottawa Union School, son of John and Matilda (Littell) DeFord, was born in Carroll county, Ohio, May 2, 1836. He and Mary V. Duncan were married November 5, 1859, in Trumbull county, Ohio, and they settled in this county in 1871. She is a daughter of Thomas and Susan (Leach) Duncan, and was born in Trumbull county August 28, 1837. They have four children: Clara D., born January 2, 1861; Elizabeth M., November 17, 1867; Mary A., July 18, 1869; John T., June 30, 1874. He has been one of the school examiners of the county since 1871. In 1858 he graduated in the scientific department of Mt. Union College, in 1859 in the classical department, and in 1861 received the degree of Master of Arts. He has held the position of superintendent of the Union Schools in Monongahela, Pennsylvania; in St. Mary's, Ohio, and Celina, Ohio. While in Mercer county he served as school examiner three years. He has been superintendent of the Ottawa Union School since 1871, and under his management the school will compare most favorably with any other in the State. Under his charge scientific apparatus, an extensive cabinet of minerals and museum have been secured for the school. Two large volumes of pupils' work of different grades of this school were exhibited at the Centennial, receiving honorable mention. As an educator he has done much to raise the grade of the schools and the qualifications of teachers in Putnam county. Address, Ottawa.

REV. BERNARD DICKMAN—pastor of the Catholic Church in Glandorf, settled in this county May 10, 1874. He was born in Minster, Auglaize county, Ohio, October 3, 1839, his parents being Charles and Mary A. (Drees) Dickman. Post-office, Glandorf.

JOHN H. DRERUP—son of John B. and Anna L. (Werning) Drerup, was born in Europe, Kingdom of Prussia, August 25, 1835. Emigrated with his parents to this country in 1835, and settled in Ottawa township. Married, June 20, 1865, at Glandorf, M. Therese Merssmenn, whose parents, G. Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Reker) Merssmenn, also emigrated from Germany. The fruit of their union is seven children: John B., born 18th September, 1866; John Henry, 20th December, 1868; Frank H., 1st May, 1871; W. A., 28th July, 1873, (*died* August 7, 1873); F. Joseph, 7th September, 1874, (*died* September 13, 1874); Anne Mary, 23d May, 1876; Carl Augustine, 6th December, 1878. Business, farming. Post-office, Glandorf.

FRANK DULING—son of John H. and Catharine (Holdmeyer) Duling, natives of Hanover, Germany, and who settled in this county in 1834, was born in this township, February 9, 1850. His wife, Wilhelmina, daughter of Bernard H. and Mary A. (Neirman) Strautker, was born in Greensburg township, June 23, 1855. Her parents emigrated from Glaine, Germany, in 1849. They were married September 1, 1875, at Glandorf, and have three children, born as follows: Anna M. C., November 13, 1876; Catharine E., April 15, 1877; John B., July 2, 1879. His father, John H. Duling, was a pioneer settler of this township, and among the first nine families that settled in Glandorf in 1834, where he was active in the organization of the Catholic Church. Occupation, farming. Address, Glandorf.

F. WILLIAM DULING—is engaged in farming, and was born in this township, March 20, 1845. His parents, John H. and Mary K. (Holdmyer) Duling, settled in this county in 1834, from Osnabrook, Germany. His wife, Mary Ann, whose parents, John H. and Mary K. (Hohenbrink) Schrader, removed to the county in 1844, was born in Greensburg township, in July, 1837. They were married at Glandorf, April 15, 1872, and are blessed with three children: John Henry, born October 23, 1873; Mary Catharine, November 15, 1875; Anna Mary, October 10, 1877. His father's history is given under the biography of his brother, Frank Duling. Address, Glandorf.

JOHN M. ELBERT—farmer; was born in Hanover, in 1811; settled in Putnam county in 1838; was married in 1834, in Hanover, to Frederika Gutker. Their children are: Henry, Elizabeth, Caroline, Anna, John and Tilda. Post-office, Ottawa.

SMITH A. ELLIS—son of Gideon and Hannah Ellis, settled here in 1873. Was born at Hunter, Greene county, New York, August 24, 1808. Was married at Pottsville, Schuylkill county, Pa., August 13, 1830, to Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob and Mary Pennybecker, who was born at Pottsgrove, Montgomery county, Pa., August 24, 1814. They have been blessed with eight children: Nelson, born January 13, 1832, now residing in Arizona Territory; Maryette, October 8, 1834; Henry C., June 27, 1841, now at St. Marys, West Virginia; Lydia E., January 16, 1844, now living at Ottawa, Ohio; Charles F., September 3, 1846, deceased; Theodore G., May 26, 1849; Albert P., July 28, 1852, deceased; Frank N., March 31, 1855. Mr. Ellis is engaged in a prosperous business of wood bending, manufacture of pumps and saw milling. Post-office, Glandorf.

JOHN W. ELLERBROCK—is a native of Germany, having been born in Hanover February 2, 1830. In 1836 he came to this country with his parents, Theodore and Mary C. (Kracht) Ellerbrock, who settled in this county. His wife, Mary A., was born in this county February 9, 1838. Her parents, Joseph and Mary A. (Gerdeman) Utendorf, came from Germany in 1838. They were married at Glandorf, October 22, 1856. Children: Andrew, born August 14, 1857; Mary, November 17, 1860; Catharina, September 7, 1862; Theodore, October 28, 1864; Elizabeth, October 10, 1866; Philomina C., December 22, 1868; Frank William, April 30, 1871; Theresia, March 28, 1875; Charles B., June 14, 1877; Emma, July 20, 1879. Mr. Ellerbrock is a woolen manufacturer. Post-office, Glandorf.

RICHARD D. EMMONS—was born in New Jersey January 1, 1819, and came with his parents John A. Emmons and Leah Demut, to this county from that State in 1836. His wife (deceased), Mary A. Pearman, was born in Ottawa township May 10, 1841, daughter of James A. Pearman and Mary Agner, who settled here in 1835. They were married in Putnam county, October 18, 1856. Children: James W., born June 18, 1858; Andrew R., August 23, 1861; Mary M., March 5, 1864; Henry, April 11, 1866. Business, farming. Post-office, Ottawa.

MRS. JANE EMANS—widow of Abram Emans, who died August 23, 1877, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, January 23, 1832. She came with her parents, Andrew and Mary A. (Ewing) McClure, to this county, in 1834. Her husband, who was born in New Jersey, June 23, 1829, came with his parents, Gilbert L. and Judith (Low) Emans, to this county, in 1841. They were married in Putnam county, March 23, 1857, and have had five children, Andrew M., born May 13, 1858; Catharine J., November 27, 1859, *died* May 3, 1861; Alonzo L., February 6, 1863; Loa J., March 7, 1864; George M., July 5, 1866. Her father, Andrew McClure, was a pioneer settler of Blanchard township, and the second justice of the peace in the township. Her husband was a member of Company I, 197th Regiment, O. V. I., serving in the war of the Rebellion a few months before the close. Address, Ottawa.

ANDREW ERHART—was born at Napoleon, Ohio, April 20, 1840. His parents, Bernhardt and Catharine M. (Hargitt) Erhart, came from Toledo, Ohio, in 1841. His father was a native of Prussia. His wife, Theresa, whose parents, George B. and Mary T. Recker, also came from Toledo, in 1842, was born in this township, June 24, 1847. They were married at Glandorf, June 25, 1867. The following children complete the family circle: John A., born July 4, 1868; Anna M., December 18, 1869; Bernhardt and Mary T. (twins), September 1, 1871; Caroline, November 8, 1873; Elizabeth M., January 15, 1876; Henry A., February 15, 1877; Catharine F., May 25, 1879. He was a member of Company I, 37th Regiment, O. V. I., in the war of the Rebellion. He was in the siege of Vicksburg, and afterwards under General Sherman in the Fifteenth Army Corps, participating in all the engagements from Vicksburg to Dalton. After the fall of Dalton, he was discharged. Occupation, farming. Address, Ottawa.

JOSEPH ERHART—farmer, was born in this township October 30, 1847. His parents, Bernard and Katharina M. (Hargitt) Erhart, settled in the county in 1841, coming from Toledo. His wife, Mary T., daughter of Henry H. and Margaret (Shoemaker) Recker, was also born in this township July 4, 1851. Her parents were natives of Germany, and came to the county in 1841. There have been born five children, but two of whom are living: Barney, born August 12, 1872, *died* August 20, 1872; Anna M., August 12, 1873; John H., November 1, 1875; Theresa M. and Mary A. (twins), February 9, 1878, *died* November 9 and February 13, 1879, respectively. Address, Glandorf.

CORT EWING—is one of the active, leading men of Ottawa, and has had much to do with its business and enterprise. He was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, July 21, 1832, and his parents, Milton C. and Elizabeth (Chambers) Ewing, came into this county in 1838. His wife, Mattie H., is a daughter of Lyman W. and Mary H. (McClelland) Moe, who settled here in 1843. She was born in Seneca county, Ohio, September 15, 1841. They were married at Gilboa, November 22, 1859. Their children are: Pratt, born October 9, 1860; Moe, born October 1, 1864, *deceased;* Mott, born October 30, 1868; Claude, May 7, 1871. Mr. C. Ewing has been a successful business manager. In conjunction with his father, M. C. Ewing, he laid out his first addition to the town of Ottawa in 1859, it being a part of the original (Twa) Indian village, and with shrewd foresight, anticipating the growth of the town, he, in company with his present partner, Samuel Slawson, purchased the tract of land adjoining the town on the east, and laid out Slawson & Ewing's First Addition in 1866, on which are now some of the finest residences of Ottawa. In connection with Mr. Slawson he established the first bank in Putnam county, in 1865, known as the "Ottawa Exchange Bank," which is still in successful operation, and after fifteen years of trial it commands the unlimited confidence of the people.

MATTHEW C. EWING—came with his parents, Milton C. and Elizabeth (Chambers) Ewing, to this county in 1834. He was born in Muskingum county, August 23, 1834. His wife, Martha, daughter of Peter and Martha J. (Kelly) Heller, was born in Allen county, Indiana, April 30, 1840. They were married at Fort Wayne, Indiana, April 14, 1862, and have two children: Dora, born December 16, 1863, and Frank, born May 12, 1865. Mr. Ewing's grandfather, M. Chambers, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and he has for himself quite a military record. He first enlisted in the three months' service; was commissioned as first lieutenant of Company D, 21st Regiment O. V. I., under Captain T. G. Allen, and served in the West Virginia campaign under General Cox. At the battle of Scarey Creek Captain Allen and First Lieutenant Pomeroy were killed, and Mr. Ewing was promoted to the captaincy and served to the close of his service and was discharged. He again enlisted for three years, was commissioned captain, assisted in reorganizing Company D, 21st O. V. I., September 19, 1861, and served under General Nelson in the Kentucky campaign, and to the close of the war, participating in the battles of Lavergne, Bowling Green, Stone River, and many skirmishes and sallies. He was captured at Pulaski, Tennessee, by General Morgan, afterward exchanged, and then returned to his command. At the close of the war he returned to this place, and has been ever since actively engaged in the grain and live stock trade in Putnam and adjoining counties, and much identified with the interests and business of the town. Post-office, Ottawa.

AUGUST FIPP—son of Ferdinand A. and Catharine Albersman Fipp, was born in Germany, August 21, 1851, and came into this county in 1870. His wife, Theresa, daughter of George and Mary A. Barnhold Utrup, was born at Glandorf, this county, September 17, 1855. They married at Ottawa, June 20, 1877, and have one child, Emma, born April 6, 1878. Mr. Fipp is a member of the council of the village of Ottawa, for fours years, from April 1, 1873. He is by occupation a grocer. Post-office, Ottawa.

JOHN J. FREY—whose parents, Peter and Katharina (Wehrie) Frey, were natives of Germany, was born at Louisville, Kentucky, October 11, 1836, and settled in this county in 1852. His wife, Mary C., daughter of John M. and Marie K. (Hoepke) Krieger, was born at Dayton, Ohio, October 20, 1840, her parents coming to this county the year following. They were married November 6, 1860, at Cincinnati, Ohio, and eight children, all living, bless the union: Mary C., born October 17, 1861; Bernadina, November 6, 1863; Anna M. E., November 9, 1865; John M., November 1, 1867; Henry H., January 10, 1839; Anna A. A., March 10, 1873; George P., April 27, 1875; Elizabeth J. A. C., June 19, 1878. He has served as assessor three years, and constable four years. He was a member of Company I, Thirty-seventh Regiment O. V. I., in the war of the Rebellion, participating in several battles in West Virginia, and was discharged on account of disability. Occupation, carpenter. Address, Glandorf.

MATTHIAS GALLOWAY—keeps a boarding house in Ottawa. He was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., December 22, 1813, and settled in Putnam county in 1854. His parents were John and Catharine (Kampf) Galloway. He was married September 30, 1834, in Butler county, Ohio, to Cecelia Smiley, born in Butler county, Ohio, April 8, 1820, daughter of John and Mary (Harper) Smiley. Mr. Galloway's uncle, John Kampf, served as a private in the War of 1812, and was taken prisoner at Hull's surrender of Detroit. His brother Cyrus was second lieutenant during the war of the Rebellion, and was killed in the battle of Murfreesborough, Tennessee.

JAMES W. GARDNER—settled in this county in July, 1861. His parents, John and Catharine (Kimes) Gardner, who reside in Berkley county, Virginia. Born at Charlestown, Jefferson county, Virginia, October 4, 1839. His wife was born at Gilboa, this county, June 15, 1850, the daughter of Eli and Malissa (Hall) Henderson, who were born and raised in Putnam county. Business, livery. Post-office, Ottawa.

BERNARD GERDING—was born in this township June 19, 1842. His parents, Casper and Catharine (Goe) Gerding, came to the county in 1834. He married Elizabeth Lefken, at Glandorf, May 22, 1867. Her parents, Henry and Theresa (Hundapole) Lefken, settled in the county in 1836, and she was born November 15, 1843. They have had five children: Anna T., born February 6, 1868; Elizabeth, March 9, 1870; Katharina A., March 3, 1872; Henry B., November 21, 1874; Frank C., *died* August 15, 1879. He was a member of Company I, Thirty-seventh Regiment O. V. I., and served three years in the war of the Rebellion, participating in the storming of Vicksburg, and the battles of Chickamauga, Atlanta, and Dalton. October 20, 1864, he was discharged at Rome, Georgia. Occupation, carpenter. Address, Glandorf.

FERDINAND GERDING—and his wife, Veronica, are natives of Putnam county, the former born in Ottawa township, November 11, 1839, and the latter November 11, 1849. They were married at Glandorf, November 23, 1864, and have three children: John G., born July 23, 1867; Hubert J., August 23, 1870; and Jerome, born July 17, 1876. Mr. Gerding's parents, Casper and Catharine (Gor) Gerding, were natives of Germany, and came into this county in 1834. Mrs. Gerding was daughter of John G. Beckhold and Leonora Winkleman, his wife, who came here in 1841. His father, Casper Gerding, and Ferdinand Brockdike, established the first grocery and provision store in Glandorf, in 1834. Business, saddler and harness maker. Post-office, Glandorf.

THOMAS J. GALBREATH—and his wife, Sarah A. (Morris), are both natives of Ohio, the former being born in Ottawa township, this county, November 19, 1834, and the latter in Marion county, February 28, 1837. Mr. Galbreath's parents, William and Mary (Morris) Galbreath, both deceased, came into the county in 1834. The parents of Mrs. Galbreath were Benjamin and Sarah (Reiley) Morris. They were married in Marion county, Ohio, August 17, 1862. Children: Belle, born July 28, 1863; Ulysses, born February 14, 1864, *deceased;* William B., born November 6, 1865, also *deceased;* Chester K., January 23, 1868; Mary E., November 3, 1869; Martha A., March 20, 1872; Eva N., November 20, 1875. Both of Mr. Galbreath's grandfathers, Andrew Galbreath and John Morris, were in the Revolutionary war. His father was a soldier under General Harrison, and in both sieges of Fort Meigs. His wife's father was a private soldier in the war of 1812. Post-office, Ottawa. Business, farming.

ADDISON ALEXANDER GIFFIN—son of William and Martha (Hattery) Giffin, was born at Piqua, Miami county, Ohio, November 26, 1850, and settled in Putnam county in 1878. His wife, Elizabeth Jane, daughter of Nathaniel and Ellen Hattery, was born in Hoaglin township, Van Wert county, Ohio, April 13, 1853. They were married at the home of the bride January 13, 1875. Their only child, Edward Preston, was born and died January 23, 1878. Business, manufacturing drain tile. Post-office, Ottawa. Mr. A. A. Giffin had a half brother, Samuel B. Giffin, who served three years in the army, 44th O. V. I., re-enlisted in the 8th Ohio Cavalry, and was killed at Beverly, West Virginia, in October, 1864. He was orderly sergeant of Co. B at the time of his death, which was caused by a gunshot while engaged in a bitter hand to hand conflict with the rebel foe.

DR. CHARLES MOORE GODFREY—came to the county in 1837. Was born near York Springs, Adams county, Pennsylvania, June 17, 1816. Has been twice married, and buried both wives. His first wife, Mary Chambers, daughter of Matthew and Mary Chambers, to whom he was married November 23, 1842, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio. The second marriage was June 4, 1846, to Jane Goble, daughter of Daniel L. and Nancy Goble, born in Washington county, Pennsylvania. Both marriages took place in Putnam county. Dr. Godfrey is the son of Thomas and Mary Godfrey, who both died in Pennsylvania. His four living children are: Edward S., born October 9, 1843, now at West Point, New York; Eveline, at Ottawa; Zoe Ogle, Standing Rock, Dakota; Calvin Pomeroy, born April 11, 1863, at Ottawa. Dr. Godfrey has been quite a public man, holding several important public offices—county treasurer from 1843 to 1847; presidential elector in 1848; State senator, 1861 to 1863; trustee of Cleveland and Dayton Lunatic Asylum, 1854-5; Dayton Asylum for Insane, 1876 to present time and president of the board of education in Ottawa, since 1871. His son Edward was a private in the 21st Regiment, in the three months' service, in 1861, appointed cadet at West Point in 1863, graduated in 1867, is now captain in 7th Regiment Cavalry, U. S. A., has been in a number of battles with the Indians, is now an instructor in the Military Academy at West Point. The doctor's son-in-law, Alexander Ogle, is first lieutenant 17th Regiment Infantry, U. S. A. Long been in practice as a physician at Ottawa.

JOHN HERMAN GOSLING—was born in Herzibrock, Germany, 23d of February, 1847. Came to this country and settled in this county in 1851. Married on October 27, 1869, at Glandorf, Anna Mary Gerdemann, who was a native of this county, being born at Glandorf, December 3, 1847. Their children are: Mary Lizzie, born October 18, 1871; Anton John, January 21, 1874; Herman Joseph, September 26, 1875. He is a manufacturer and dealer in saddles, harness, and articles belonging to that business; does buggy trimming, and all work in best manner. Post-office, Ottawa.

W. F. HOFFMAN—came into the county in 1835 with his parents, John Henry Haffman and Anna Catharina Papenbrock. He was born in Glandorf, Hanover (Europe), in 1834; married at Glandorf, Putnam county, Ohio, November 8, 1853, to Clara Schroder, who was born at Oster Cappeln, in Hanover, in 1834. Her parents were Nicholas Schroder and Anna Maria Frame, and they settled here in 1834. Children: Mary, born August 29, 1856, resides at Pendleton; all the others at Glandorf: Wilhelm, born June 20, 1858; Theresa, November 8, 1862; Frank, March 12, 1865; Henry, December 8, 1868; Anna, April 12, 1870; Charley, October 12, 1872. Mr. Hoffman has been school examiner for ten years in Putnam county. His business is teaching and general merchandise. Post-office, Glandorf.

FERDINAND HALKER—and his wife Helena M., were natives of Hanover, Germany. Mr. Halker was born September 13, 1823, his parents being John W. and Elizabeth (Stahl), who came into the county in 1833. Mrs. Halker's parents, John D. and Anna E. (Godken) Egbers (both deceased), settled here in 1851; she was born September 12, 1827. They were married at Cincinnati, Ohio, August 25, 1850. Children: Mary E., born November 13, 1851, *died* August 11, 1852; John T., born May 16, 1853, *died* August 24, 1855; Joseph W., born May 25, 1855; Wilhelmina B., March 17, 1863; J. Wilhelm, July 10, 1864; K. Wilhelmina, June 6, 1867; Franz L., born June 15, 1869, *died* March 22, 1872. Occupation, merchant. Post-office, Glandorf.

JOSEPH HERMILLER—son of John B. and Mrs. (Middlehof) Hermiller, was born in Germany, December 19, 1822, and settled in this county in 1851. He married Clara Recker, at Glandorf, April 20, 1852. She was born in Germany, January 19, 1835, and died August 26, 1877. Her parents, Gerhard and Anna M. (Hayers) Recker, came from Hanover, Germany, to this county in 1837. Six children complete the family circle: Joseph, born December 30, 1854; Mary, January 9, 1860; John, October 25, 1862; Frank, August 16, 1865; Elizabeth, March 15, 1868; Catharine, February 10, 1871. He has been trustee of the township three years. Occupation, farming. Address, Ottawa.

JOSEPH R. HOTNEIER—was born in this county January 26, 1844. His parents, John H. and Mary E. (Landwehr) Hotneier, settled in this county from Hanover, Germany, in 1841. His wife, Catharine, is a daughter of Bernard and Mary (Recker) Jinning, who also came from Hanover, Germany, in 1841. She was born February 24, 1846, in this township. They were married at Glandorf, November 8, 1871, and have four children: Anna E., born October 26, 1872; Bernard H., October 7, 1874; Mary C., May 12, 1876, Franz J., March 25, 1878. Occupation, farming. Address, Ottawa.

THOMAS H. B. HIPKINS—settled in Putnam county in 1841. His father, Charles G. Hipkins, died in 1817, and mother, Elizabeth, in 1832. Was born at Prospect Hill, Harford county, Maryland, January 28, 1813. Married in Hancock county, Ohio, September 10, 1838, to Margaret, daughter of John and Catharine Fishel, the former of whom died in 1845, and the latter in 1821. She was born in Franklin county, Ohio, June 17, 1817. There have been born to them five children, namely: Christian Rudy, August 20, 1839, now residing at St. Louis, Missouri; Luceria, May 4, 1843, now at Gilmore, Upshur county, Texas; Winfield Scott, October 15, 1847, Ottawa; Thomas Corwin, September 3, 1850, Ottawa; Harriet V., August 11, 1852, Ada, Harum county, Ohio. All three of the sons served in the late war of the Rebellion. Mr. Hipkins engaged in the mercantile business in 1845, and has continued in it to the present time. The two sons in Ottawa are engaged with their father in the business. Post-office, Ottawa.

LEWIS E. HOLTZ—son of Jacob and Susanna M. (Fiega) Holtz, was born in Frederick county, Maryland, June 4, 1821. His wife, Ann E., was daughter of Eli and Catharine (Kinzar) Umsted, and was born at the same place, December 21, 1826. Children: Hannah C., born January 6, 1850, *died* August 22, 1855; Amity A. Allen, born February 6, 1851, resides at Ottawa; Mary E. Cox, November 9, 1856, now of Piketon, Pike county, Ohio; Laura E., March 12, 1858, at Ottawa. Mr. Holtz settled here in 1863, is an attorney-at-law and civil engineer. Was treasurer of Seneca county two years, and surveyor of Putnam county six years. His grandfather, Jacob Holtz, served five years in the Revolutionary war. Post-office, Ottawa.

LUCIUS HUBBARD—is a native of Canada, born there September 27, 1815. He came with his parents, Bildad Hubbard and Theoda Miles, to this place from Summit county in 1833. His wife was Elizabeth Galbreath, born in Pickaway county, December 22, 1816, daughter of William Galbreath and Mary Morris, who settled here in 1834. They were married in Putnam county, November 14, 1837. Mr. Hubbard's grandfather, born in Massachusetts, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. His father, Bildad Hubbard, was a pioneer settler in Riley township. Lucius Hubbard laid out an addition to the town of Ottawa in 1856. His son Edward was in the war of the Rebellion, Co E, 183d O. V. I., and served under General Sherman; and his son John H., in the same war, served under General Grant. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard have been singularly unfortunate in the loss of their children. Their first-born were twins, born January 8, 1839, *deceased;* William G., born September 18, 1840, *died* in December 1839; John H., born January 26, 1842, resides in California; Mary O., born March 26, 1844, *died* in February, 1848; Edward C., born November 25, 1845, *died* February 14, 1875; Theoda, born April 28, 1847, *died* in April, 1848; Lucius, born September 4, 1857, lives in Ottawa. Mr. Hubbard is a farmer. Post-office, Ottawa.

DR. HUBERT HUBER—son of Joseph and Katharine Schrump Huber, was born in Germany, in February, 1827, and settled in this county in 1853. He married at Glandorf, November 15, 1853, Theresa Bockhold, who was born in Ohio in 1837, daughter of John G. and Eleanor Winkelman Bockhold, who came here in 1836. Children: Wilhelmina, born January 18, 1855; Bertha, November 7, 1858; Theresa K., born July 22, 1861, *died* August 7, 1866; Wilhelm, born January 17, 1864, *died* August 22, 1866; Karl, born June 30, 1867; August, born October 8, 1869, *died* April 19, 1870; Louis, February 7, 1871; Emma T., October 15, 1873; Edward R., March 23, 1876. All those living reside at Glandorf. Dr. Huber is a graduate of the School of Medicine, Berne Berne, Switzerland, and has been practicing as a physician and surgeon at this place since 1853. Post-office, Glandorf.

F. M. KERN—son of Joseph and Lida Kern, was born in Germantown, Ohio, October 21, 1849. He settled in this county in 1876. His occupation, tobacconist and cigar maker. Post-office, Ottawa.

GEORGE D. KINDER—editor and publisher of the Ottawa *Sentinel*, was born in Franklin, Warren county, Ohio, November 6, 1836. His parents were George Kinder, born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Eliza Snorf, born in Warren county, Ohio, and they came from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1800, and settled in Warren county, Ohio. Mrs. Kinder was born in Hamilton, Ohio, in 1844. Her maiden name was Zella G. Gordon, daughter of John H. and Janette A. (Perry) Gordon, who came from Butler county to Putnam county in 1866. They were married February, 1869. Their children are: Zella D., born December 28, 1869, and Gordon D., April 11, 1879. His grandfather, Jacob Snorf, was in Hull's surrender at Detroit, during the war of 1812. Mr. George D. Kinder in November, 1850, apprenticed himself to the printing business in the office of the *Hamilton Telegraph*, and worked there three years. He then attended school one year at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio; then resumed his trade as a printer and remained at the business up to 1863, except one year, in which he acted as post-office clerk at Franklin, Ohio. In 1863 he printed and published a paper at Sandusky City called the *Erie County News*. In 1865 he removed his paper to Port Clinton, and started the *Ottawa County News*, remaining there but a short time. In 1866 he edited and published the *Greenville Democrat*, of Darke county, Ohio. In 1867 he came to Ottawa and purchased the *Putnam County Sentinel*, and by strict attention to business as editor and publisher has been enabled to improve the typographical work of his paper and enlarge it from time to time, keeping pace with the improvements of the county and general wants of his readers; so that to-day as a county paper it has, for neatness and clearness of type, selection and arrangement of matter, both general and local, no superior in Northwestern Ohio.

JOSEPH S. KITCHEN—was born in Troy, Ohio, March 23, 1852, and came in 1869 to this county with his parents, Joseph Kitchen (born in Huron county, Pennsylvania) and Elizabeth Fox (born in Brown county, Ohio). His wife was Emma L., daughter of James Turner (born in New Jersey) and Catharine Pfouts (born in Pennsylvania), and she had her birth in Dayton, Ohio, May 24, 1850. They were married at Dayton, November 21, 1868, and have four children: Joseph S., born October 13, 1869; Eva, November 21, 1872; William H., September 3, 1874; Myrtle B., March 3, 1878. Joseph S. Kitchen's great-grandfather, James H. Smith, was a member of the legislature of South Carolina, during the Revolutionary war, took sides with the colonists, and died during the war. Mr. Kitchen was in the war of the Rebellion. At the age of twelve years he was a drummer-boy at the battle of Perrysville, Kentucky; served in Company B, 94th O. V. V. I, nine months; enlisted again in Company H, 71st O. V. V. I., as a drummer-boy, and served during the war; was in the battles of Lovejoy, Atlanta, Nashville, Franklin, Springhill, Columbia, and nearly all other engagements under General Thomas. Business, wood turner. Post-office, Ottawa.

GEORGE H. KNUPP—mayor of Ottawa, came to the county in 1870. He was son of George and Frances Maria (Brown) Knupp, and was born at Tiffin, Ohio, May 12, 1852. His wife, Helen J., was daughter of David I. and Elizabeth Brown, and was born at Kalida, Ohio, Februry 26, 1852. They were married at Monroe, Michigan, October 2, 1871, and three coupons have been cut from the marriage bond, namely: Lillia F., born June 30, 1872; Emma E., March 9, 1874; Blanche B., December 5, 1875.

JOHN F. KONST—was born in Friesland, Holland, July 20, 1834, and settled in this county in 1852. His parents were Franciscus A. Konst and Euphemia Tenhave, who came to this country in 1847. He married at New Cleveland, Ohio, February 12, 1863, Mary Westrick, who was born in Ottawa township, September 20, 1842, daughter of Henry Westrick and Mary A. Zimmer, who came into the county in 1840. Their children are: Marianne J., born November 12, 1863; Euphemia, August 20, 1865; Caroline, September 11, 1867; Magdalena, October 11, 1869; Catharine, October 7, 1871; Anna, November 9, 1873; Frank, February 9, 1876; Amelia, January 4, 1879. Business, farming. Post-office, Ottawa.

JOSEPH KRAFT—a farmer, son of Andy and Walbruck Brockmeyer Kraft, was born in France, June 3, 1812, and settled in this county in 1851. His wife, to whom he was married at Haucknew, France, April 17, 1842, was also born in France, July 16, 1822, and was daughter of Joseph Gross and Catharine Burger, who came here in 1851. They have had twelve children: Catharine, born July, 1843, *deceased;* Joseph, born in 1845, also *dead;* Mary C., born in 1847, *dead;* Joseph, born January 13, 1849, resides in Ottawa; Mary F., born in 1851, *died* in 1855; Magdelane, in 1853, lives near Gilboa; Elizabeth, October 5, 1855; John, March 25, 1857; Jacob, September, 1859; Matthias, October 3, 1861; George, in 1863; Frank, 1865. Post-office, Ottawa.

FRANK H. KRACHT—was born in Cincinnati on Christmas day, 1851, and settled in this county in 1857, coming with his parents, John William Kracht and Catharine Doepker, from Cincinnati. His wife, to whom he was married at Glandorf, May 29, 1877, was Theresa J. Hoffman, born at Glandorf, January 5, 1860, daughter of John Henry Hoffman and Theresa Mittendorf, who came from Hanover, Germany, in 1835. Their child, Catharine Amelia, was born August 22, 1878. Mr. Kracht served his township, Ottawa, as clerk, for one year, 1879 to 1880. He is by occupation a farmer and thresher. Post-office, Glandorf.

WILLIAM C. G. KRAUSS—attorney-at-law and real estate agent, at Ottawa, was the son of William and Catharine (*nee* Glauner) Krauss, was born at Basil, Fairfield county, Ohio, June 7, 1838, and settled in Putnam county, in 1847. Was married at Ottawa, December 23, 1869, to Rebecca J. Gordon, who was born in Butler county, Ohio, January 1, 1841, her parents being John H. and Jane C. (Perry) Gordon, who came here in 1866. They have one child, Bertha Catharine, born May 6, 1871. Had an uncle in the Mexican war, and lost two brothers in the war of 1861, by sickness contracted in the service. He served nearly four years in the late war; was wounded at Vicksburg, in May, 1863, being thereby disabled for field service, and enlisted in the regular army as hospital steward, and served in that capacity until June, 1866.

JOSEPH KUHLMAN—was born in Germany, January 3, 1819, and settled in this county in 1833. Married at Cincinnati, January 21, 1844. His wife was Anna Mary Catharine Kohls, born in Germany October 29, 1825, daughter of Henry and Mary Ann Kollenbrock Kohls, who came here in 1836. They have had five children: J. H. Kuhlman, born October 29, 1845; now in Cincinnati; John H., born November 1, 1848, *deceased;* Catharine F., November 17, 1852; Mary S., born May 14, 1856, *deceased;* Mary T., May 13, 1859; Joseph Kuhlman was a member of the 5th O. V. I., and died at Winchester, Virginia, in the hospital, in 1862. Business, shoemaker. Address, Ottawa.

LEWIS LEHMKUKLE—was born in Putnam county, May 28, 1843. Parents, John Bernard and Anna Catharina, who came to this county in 1835. Married at Glandorf, September 9, 1863. His wife, Phelomena (Klausing) was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, May 28, 1850, daughter of John Henry and Maria Gertrude Klausing, who came to this county in April, 1863. Two children weld their union: John Henry, born November 15, 1873; William Leonard, November 5, 1877. He was deputy auditor of the county from 1873 to 1877, and was elected auditor in October, 1877. His father was elected county auditor October, 1873, and held the office two terms. Post-office, Ottawa.

JAMES THOMAS LENTZY—came to the county in 1856, with his parents, Jacob and Elizabeth Kaiser Lentzy, both of whom are dead. His wife, Annie Tullis, was daughter of Dr. James Watson and Mary Lindsay Tullis, and was born at North Hampton, Ohio, September 20, 1850. He was born at Loudonville, Ashland county, Ohio, June 16, 1851. Married at St. Louis, Missouri, November 28, 1878. Wife's children by a former marriage: Annie Eliza Powell, born December 27, 1871; Llewellyn Oliver Powell, born April 24, 1873. Business, attorney-at-law. Was mayor of Ottawa from April, 1876, to April, 1878. In October, 1878, was elected prosecuting attorney of Putnam county; term two years. Address, Ottawa.

JOSEPH LEOPOLD—proprietor of warehouse in Ottawa, was born in Glandorf, this county, September 23, 1845. He is son of Bernard and Elizabeth Siemer Leopold, who came into the county in 1832. On the 4th of April, 1871, he married Elizabeth Recker, born at Glandorf, daughter of Herman H. and Elizabeth Mary Recker. They have two children, Charlie and Bennie, the former born February 5, 1873.

MRS. AMY LIGHT—widow of Samuel Light, was daughter of Joshua Chew and Elizabeth McNelley; was born in Berkley county, Virginia, April 19, 1818. Samuel Light was the son of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Cabol) Light, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and died in Putnam county, December 24, 1874. They were married in Virginia, April 26, 1838. Their family consisted of: Joshua C., born April 23, 1839; John W., born October 18, 1841, *died* November 1, 1843; Elizabeth V., born May 3, 1844, *died* January 1, 1870; Hezekiah C., born January 7, 1847, *died* August 3, 1878; Milton C., May 22, 1849; Mary E., April 25, 1852; Samuel E., July 17, 1855; Caroline, March 30, 1859; Frank, March 2, 1861. Mrs. Light's father, Joshua Chew, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was in the battle of Baltimore, in 1815. Her mother's father, William McNelly, was a private soldier in the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Light had two sons in the late war of the Rebellion. Joshua C. enlisted in Co. K, —— O. V. M., April, 1861, and participated in the battle of Bull Run; was discharged in August, 1861; enlisted October 14, in Co. A, 66th O. V. I. for three years or during the war; was in the battles of Port Republic, Cedar Mountain, the battles of the Rappahannock campaign under General Pope, and at the battle of Antietam. He was discharged for disability April 25, 1863, but re-enlisted and served under General Butler in his campaign on the James and Appomatox rivers. Hezekiah C. Light enlisted in 1863 in the 81th O. V. I. for six months, and was present at the taking of Cumberland Gap. He re-enlisted in 1864 in the 134th O. N. G., and was in General Butler's campaign of the James and Appomatox rivers. The residence and address of Mrs. Light is Ottawa.

JACOB L'HOMMEDIEU LONG—attorney-at-law, was born in Franklin, Warren county, June 28, 1833, son of Jacob and Maria (L'Hommedieu) Long. His wife, Kate Cox, to whom he was married February 2, 1854, was born in Mansfield, Ohio, and came with her parents, David Cox and Jane F. Godfrey, from Richland county, who settled in Ottawa in 1835. They have six children: Jane C. Long (Brotherton), born March 11, 1856; David C., January 17th, 1859; Charles L., March 11, 1861; Tillinghast L. H., December 23, 1863; Agnes K., October 18, 1867, and Guy P., February 3, 1873. His uncle, John Long, was in the cavalry service of the war of 1812. His brother, Charles L. H. Long, was in the Mexican war. Mr. Long came here in 1853, with the surveying party who located the D. & M. R. R., and as civil engineer in charge to superintend its construction from Perrysburg to Lima. He was the second man to enlist as a private in the county, on the first call for troops in 1861; was appointed topographical engineer and served under General Cox in the West Virginia campaign. In 1862 he again enlisted as a private in the 87th Regiment, O. V. I., was promoted to First Lieutenant, Adjutant and Major, and was in the Shenandoah campaign, and captured at Harper's Ferry with General Miles' command. His regiment was then consolidated with the 125th, and he was discharged. His father-in-law, David Cox, and his brother, John Cox, established the first regular store in Ottawa in 1835, and to get a portion of their goods, they cut the road through the Black Swamp to Perrysburg. Postoffice, Ottawa,

JOSEPH MAAS—was born in Germany, August 29, 1849, and came to Putnam county in 1876. His parents, Peter and Katharina (Thiel) Maas, (his

father deceased, were native Germans. His wife, to whom he was married at Ottawa, November 13, 1876, was Josephine K. Fipp, born in Ottawa township, August 30, 1859. Her parents, John M. and Jennie L. (Brinkman) Fipp, both deceased, came to live in this county in 1854. They have two children: Jennie C. L., born November 19, 1877, and Josephine, born June 29, 1879. Mr. Maas is a grocer. Post-office, Ottawa.

JOSIAH MARKLEY—was born in Riley township, Putnam county, October 27th, 1836; son of Solomon and Elizabeth (Salsbury) Markley, who came from Richland county to Putnam in 1836. His wife, Margaret Calhoun, to whom he was married November 4, 1857, in Hancock county, was born January 20, 1836, in Trumbull county. Her parents were Matthew and Eliza (McMichael) Calhoun. They have had nine children: Mary A., born October 14, 1858; Eliza J., February 1, 1861; William M., October 2, 1862; twin sons, June 20, 1866, deceased; Solomon C., September 7, 1868; Elizabeth A., September 29, 1870; Margaret M., January 23, 1873, and Philomena A., November 2, 1876—all reside at Ottawa. Mr. Markley is at present sheriff of Putnam county; elected 1876 to 1878, and re-elected to 1881. Post-office, Ottawa.

BERNARD THEODORE MEYER—is a son of Theodore and Anna M. (Werseman) Meyer, who came from Hanover, Germany, and settled in this county in 1834. He was born in this township, May 8, 1842, and was married at Glandorf, March 1, 1867. His wife, Bernadina, whose parents also came from Germany, and settled here in 1839, is a daughter of Herman H. and Mary A. (Grote) Karhoff. Six children have been born: John T., April 30, 1868; Frank B., April 5, 1870; Mary T., September 10, 1872; Marie, September 8, 1874, *deceased;* John Henry, October 3, 1875; Anna M., May 12, 1878. Occupation, farming. Address, Ottawa.

NELSON EDWIN MATTHEWS—born in Ottawa, April 14, 1852. Parents, John Kimball and Catharine Row Matthews. Married, December 20, 1877, Grace (Pugh), born in Kenton, Ohio, daughter of Day and Elizabeth Pugh. Business, banking. Post-office, Ottawa.

NATHANIEL C. McCLURE—son of Thomas R. and Faithful E. (Ditter) McClure, was born in Kalida, this county, in 1845. His parents settled here ten years earlier. Mr. McClure is deputy sheriff of Putnam county. Address, Ottawa.

DAVID McCURDY—settled in the county in 1839. Was born October 1, 1826, in Richland county, Ohio; son of William and Hannah (McDermut) McCurdy, who came here in 1839, and emigrated to Kansas in 1871. His wife, Sarah E., was daughter of Eleven and Katurah (Low) Soper, and was born in Prince George's county, Maryland. They were married, June 6, 1854, at Ottawa, and have one child, Elizabeth B., born August 11, 1865. Mr. McCurdy is of Revolutionary stock. His maternal grandfather, James McDermut, was a soldier and pensioner of the Revolutionary war, and died near Mansfield, Ohio, aged 102 years. He was one of the party who accompanied Daniel Boone and family to Kentucky, and then returned to Pittsburg, on foot and alone, through the wilderness. His wife's maternal grandfather, John Low, was quartermaster-general under Washington. Business, trader. Post-office, Ottawa.

HUGH L. McDOWELL—born in Licking county, Ohio, August 12, 1841, son of James and Agnes (Bacon) McDowell, who settled in the county in 1846. Married to Mary E., daughter of William and Harriet (Catlett) Ridge, born in Ashland county, Ohio, August 12, 1847, by whom he has six children: Orville, James W., Harvey, David, Isaac N. and Ernest. Has served as assessor of Riley township, Putnam county, for eight years. At present treasurer of the country.

JOSEPH MEYER—was born in Stinefeldt, Germany, November 1, 1842; son of Carl Heinrich and Maria Anna (Tankelaye) Meyer. Came to the county, May 2, 1860. Married, at Glandorf, August 27, 1872, Maria Elizabeth, born April 29, 1852, daughter of Nicolas and Maria Elizabeth (Kessler) Baihel. Her father was born in France, September 10, 1812, and her mother in France, March 25, 1822. They are blessed with two children: August, born March 6, 1874; Anna, born January 31, 1876. Business, contractor and builder. Postoffice, Ottawa.

GERHARD B. MEYER—was born in Germany, August 26, 1833, and came to this country with his parents, Theodore and Anna M. (Mersemann) Meyer, 1834. He married at Glandorf, May 1, 1855, Anna M. Monning, born in Ottawa township, May 1, 1835, daughter of John and Anna M. (Recker) Monning, who settled here in 1835. Ten children have been born to them, namely: John B., born March 1, 1856, *deceased;* John H., born September 4, 1858; Bernard T., June 14, 1861; Joseph B., June 12, 1863; Herman J., April 7, 1866; Mary T., born May 7, 1869, *deceased;* Anna M., November 5, 1871; Theodore H., October 3, 1873; Bennadina A., October 22, 1876; Katharina M., November 5, 1879. All the living children reside in Ottawa. Mr. Meyer's father was one of the pioneer settlers of Ottawa township, and was connected with the organization and early history of Glandorf Church. Business, farming. Post-office, Glandorf.

HERMAN MOENNING—son of John H. and Annie M., was born in Ottawa township, December 3, 1842, and married in Glandorf, November 8, 1865. His parents were natives of Germany, and came into the county in 1835. His wife, Mary T. Meyer, was also born in Ottawa township, August 7, 1845. Her parents were also natives of Germany, and came to Putnam county in 1834. Children: John H., born February 7, 1867, *deceased;* Bernard J., born May 28, 1868; Theodore M., March 22, 1871; Mary T., February 14, 1875; Anna M., February 3, 1878. Post-office, Glandorf. Business, farming.

JUDGE JOHN J. MOORE—settled in the county in 1860. Son of James and Margaret Moore. Born in Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1835. Married in Mahoning county, Ohio, in 1859, to Elizabeth C., daughter of Hugh and Ann Patterson. His wife was also born in Trumbull county, Ohio. Children: Douglas E., *died* at the age of seven; Gilson, born July 19, 1870. Profession, attorney-at-law. Judge Moore was representative to the Ohio legislature from Putnam county for two terms. Is now judge of the court of common pleas. His maternal grandfather was in the war of 1812; his paternal grandfather was in the Indian war under General Wayne. Post-office, Ottawa.

JOHN NICEWARNER—His father settled in Blanchard township in February, 1829, when there were few settlers in the county. He was the son of Jacob and Anna (Jenkins) Nicewarner; born in Muskingum county, Ohio, February 18, 1827; married near Kalida, November 23, 1854, Emily Ann, daughter of Hiram and Lydia (Jackson) Morse, who was born in Marion county, Ohio, February 5, 1836. Mr. and Mrs. Nicewarner have had nine children: Edson M., born September 27, 1855, now of Lima; Cortez E., January 17, 1858, of Ottawa; Albert F., April 2, 1860, *deceased;* Tupper L., March 12, 1862, of Ottawa; Olive Ann, July 6, 1864, also *dead;* John C., December 22, 1865; Laura V., November 5, 1868; Pearl, February 25, 1872; Charles M., September 7, 1874. The last five at home in Ottawa. John Nicewarner was elected county recorder in 1856, and served three years; was mayor of Ottawa two years, and justice of the peace, in Ottawa township, six years. Business, specialist (piles.)

AARON OBERBECK—born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, June 29, 1813, is the son of John and Sophia (Beck) Oberbeck, who came into the county in 1848. His wife, B. Jennie Cartwright, to whom he was married at Ottawa, December 5, 1871, is a native of Putnam county, and was born July 14, 1851. By this union they have two children: Laura E., born June 9, 1873, and Harry, born August 15, 1875. Mrs. Oberbeck was the daughter of Wm. W. Cartwright and Pauline Bowman. Mr. Oberbeck served as a private in Company A, 57th O. V.I., from September 22, 1861, to 1864, and was in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Raymond, Vicksburg, Mission Ridge, and the Atlanta campaign. Both his grandfathers, Conrad Oberbeck and Philip Beck, were in the war of 1812, the former as captain of infantry, the latter as a private soldier. Mr. Oberbeck is now serving on the second term as county surveyor, having been elected first in 1876. He is by occupation a civil engineer. Post-office, Ottawa.

JAMES L. OLNEY—a merchant of Ottawa, had his birth at Marietta, Ohio, November 12, 1830, and settled in this county in 1858. His father, Gilbert Olney, was born in Nova Scotia, and his mother, Abigail Sprague, in Rhode Island. His children are: Charles F., born May 27, 1865, and Clare G., January 4, 1867. His father, and his uncles, Coggshall, Benjamin and Joel Olney, were pioneer settlers of Marietta and Fort Harmer, and were in the Indian troubles and the war of 1812. Mr. J. L. Olney came here in February, 1858, and succeeded Cobb, Pierce & Squire in general merchandizing, and to this time has been one of the active business men of the town in all its enterprise and improvements.

TRUMAN EDWARD PAUL—son of Philip Doddridge and Roxana (Whitney) Paul, was born March 6, 1824, in Berlin Center, Erie county, Ohio; came to Putnam county in 1846; married at Gilboa, October 18, 1848, Mary Jane Britton, born at Xenia, Ohio, June 28, 1829, daughter of Elijah and Eliza (Ogan) Britton. Eliza Ogan came to the county in 1832. Their one child, Gertrude A., of Ottawa, was born September 18, 1850. Dr. Paul's grandfather Paul was a corporal in the Revolutionary war, and grandfather Whitney a captain in Gates' army, both throughout the war. Business, physician and surgeon. Post-office, Ottawa.

SAMUEL PIERMAN—was born in Virginia, June 24, 1827. He was son of James and Mary (Agner) Pierman, who settled in the county in 1843. He married, in the county, June 26, 1850, Mrs. Margaret A. Merritt (her daughter, Nettie Merritt, was born October 13th, 1857), a native of this county, born October 22, 1837, daughter of James and Elizabeth Battlefield Clark, who came here in 1833. Children: Zillie Victory, born May 7, 1861; James Edwin, October 3, 1863; George Franklin, April 14, 1866; Mary E. J., July 27, 1868; Charles Odus Storch, February 25, 1871; Homer William, March 31, 1873; Samuel Cary, August 2, 1875; Clara Grace, December 13, 1877. Occupation, farming. Post-office, Ottawa. His father was in the war of 1812.

DR. CALVIN THAYER POMEROY—son of Ebenezer and Viletta (Thayer) Pomeroy, is a physician and farmer, and was born in Onondaigua county, New York, November 1, 1809. He was married at Mansfield, Ohio, November 16, 1832, and settled in this county in 1835, from Seneca county, Ohio. His wife, Julia, daughter of William and Catharine Cox, was born in Adams county, Pennsylvania, May 11, 1810. She died November 13, 1839. Six children were born, only two of whom are living: Guy, born November 2, 1833, *died* July 18, 1861; John D., February 29, 1836, *died* December 11, 1855; Joshua, July 16, 1838, *died* August 17, 1839; Eliza J., June 26, 1840, resides in Toledo; Julia, February 3, 1845, *died* November 12, 1853; Dora, May 26, 1850, lives at Sidney, Ohio. His son, Guy Pomeroy, was commissioned as second lieutenant of Company D, 21st Regiment O. V. I., served under General Cox in the Kanawha campaign, and was killed at the battle of Scarry Creek, West Virginia. Dr. Pomeroy was the only physician for many years in the east part of the county. It was largely due to his influence that the Dayton & Michigan Railroad was located and built through Ottawa. In 1854 he laid out Pomeroy's Addition to Ottawa, on which the Court House stands, besides many of the finest residences and business blocks in the town. Address, Ottawa.

BENJAMIN P. RADABAUGH—son of John M. and Sophia (Fairbanks) Radabaugh—the former of Virginia, the latter of Vermont—came to this county in 1841 from Hancock county. He was born in Hancock county, July 20, 1833, and was married in Putnam county, May 6, 1861, to Lydia H. Allen, who was born in Columbiana county October 13, 1838. Her parents, Isaac and Adaline (Palmer) Allen, came from Athens county and settled in Ottawa township in 1853. They have eight children living at home: Ellsworth E., born September 27, 1862; Isaac, September 18, 1864, *died* September 9, 1866; Florence L., October 13, 1866; Ida M., May 16, 1868; Byron A., April 23, 1870; Cora, November 10, 1871; John, May 10, 1874; William E., May 2, 1876; and Mary C., August 22, 1879. He was in three months' service, war of Rebellion, in 1861, Company D, Twenty-first Regiment O. V. I.; was in the West Virginia campaign. His brother Harry was also in same service; then enlisted again in Company I, Ninety-ninth O. V. I., for three years, and was in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga, Shiloh, and Lookout Mountain. His brother William was in the Twenty-first Regiment O. V. I., and killed while in the service. Business, farmer. Postoffice, Ottawa.

SQUIRE M. RANDOLPH—dealer in French and Italian marbles, monuments and gravestones in Ottawa, is a son of Jonas and Charlotte T. (Ward) Randolph, and was born at Findlay, Ohio, October 21, 1832. His parents settled in this county in 1854. His grandfather, William Randolph, was a soldier of the war of 1812. Postoffice address, Ottawa, Ohio.

WILLIAM RAMPE—was born in Glandorf (Hanover), Germany, settled in this county in 1849, son of William and Elizabeth (Bohmer) Rampe, married, at Glandorf, Wilhemina Herb, by whom he has had six children, namely: William, born January 11, 1851, now of Ottawa; Theresia, May, 1853, also of Ottawa; Frank, September, 1861, of Dayton; Anna, March, 1863, Glandorf; John, June, 1866, and Lewis, September, 1872. Business, boots and shoes, and restaurant. Post-office, Glandorf.

WILLIAM RAMPE, Jr.—son of William Rampe, Sr. and Theresia Ellenbrock; born at Glandorf, Ohio, in 1851; married at Glandorf, in 1872, Agnes Nienberg (*deceased*), who was born at Minster, Ohio, 1851, her parents being Bernard H. Nienberg and Angela Sprehe, who reside in Auglaize county, Ohio. Children: Charles William, born August 20, 1874; Caroline W., born October 21, 1876. Business, dealer in boots and shoes. Post-office, Ottawa.

HERMAN H. RECKER—and his wife, Mary Kottenbrook, are both natives of Germany, the former born June 23, 1816, the latter November 2, 1822. Mr. Recker's parents, John H. and Anna M. (Linkemeyer), both deceased, were native Germans, and came into this county in 1838. The father and mother of Mrs. Recker, John Kottenbrock and Elizabeth Huntman, natives of Germany, settled here in 1836. John Kottenbrock was the first shoemaker in Ottawa township; and the first grist and saw mill in the township was built by Father Horstman, at Glandorf, in 1837. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Recker were married at Glandorf, January 7, 1840, and their children are: Henry, born September 10, 1842; John, January 7, 1845; Mary, October 4, 1847; Catharine, February 26, 1850; Elizabeth, January 25, 1853; Herman J.,

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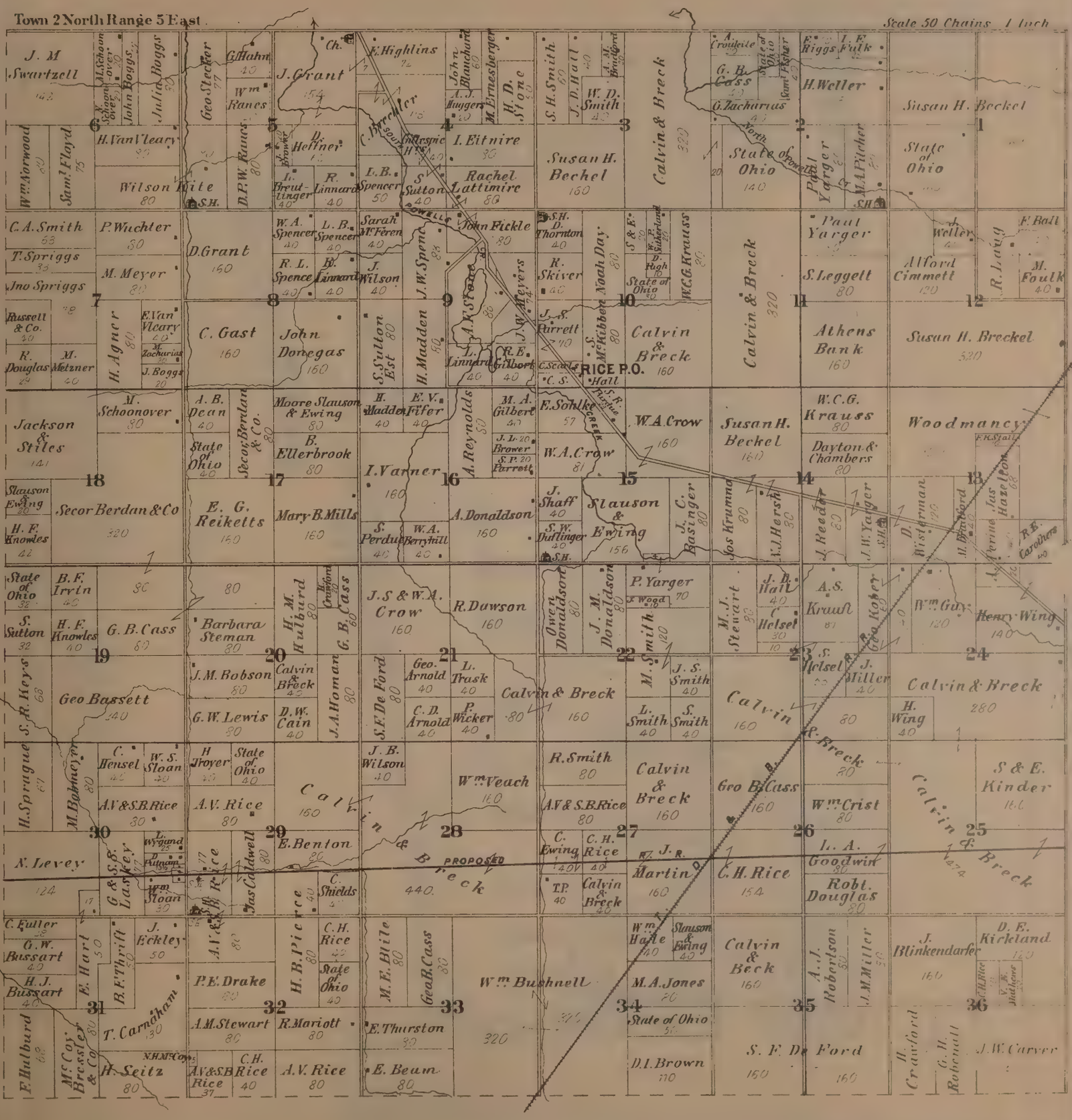
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May 16, 1855; Anna, September 22, 1857, lives in Greensburg township; Frank, January 26, 1861; Miena, July 7, 1864. All these, excepting Anna, reside in Ottawa township. Mr. Recker was county commissioner six years, from 1865 to 1871, and is elected land appraiser for 1880 in Ottawa township. Business, farmer. Post-office, Glandorf.

JOHN RECKER—son of Herman H. and Mary Kottenbrook Recker, was born in this township January 7, 1845. Married at Glandorf in 1871, Anna Mary Jennings, born in Ottawa township July 6, 1851, daughter of Barney and Mary Recker Jennings, who came into the county in 1835. Children: Harman B., September 20, 1872; Josephena, January 21, 1876; Louis H., January 15, 1878. Occupation, farmer. Address, Ottawa.

HENRY RECKER—is a native of this township, having been born here in 1842. His parents, Herman H. and Mary (Kottenbrook) Recker, came into this county in 1835. He married at Glandorf, in 1868, Louisa Hermiller, who was born at Boston, Massachusetts, in 1851, and whose parents, Barney and Dinah Abel Hermiller, settled here in 1856. Their six children are: Mary, born February 11, 1870; Anna, July 29, 1871; Elizabeth, April 17, 1873; Clara, March 21, 1875; Louisa, July 2, 1877; Harm H., April 6, 1879. Business, farming. Post-office, Ottawa.

HON. AMERICUS V. RICE—The subject of this sketch was born at Perrysville, Ohio, November 18, 1835. His parents, Clark H. Rice and Katherine Mowers, both deceased, came into this county in 1839. He was married at Lima, October 11, 1866, to Mary Metcalf, born at Kalida, May 29, 1846, and daughter of Judge Benjamin F. and Mary Ditter Metcalf, who came to the county in 1844, and moved to Allen county in 1847. Their two children are: Mary, born March 22, 1869, and Katherine, born January 31, 1873. His grandfather, Ebenezer Rice, was captain of artillery in the war of 1812. General Rice has had a prominent public career. Was a member of both the Fourty-fourth and Forty-fifth Congresses, being elected in 1874 and re-elected in 1876. He graduated in the class of 1860, of Union College, Schenectady, New York, was a law student until April 12, 1861, when he enlisted in the Union army under the three months' call of President Lincoln; was promoted to second lieutenant and captain in the 21st O. V. I., and served in W. Virginia under General Jacob D. Cox. Immediately on the expiration of this service, he raised a company, and parts of other companies, for the 57th O. V. I., and was successively promoted to captain, lieutenant-colonel, and colonel of that regiment, and brigadier-general of United States Volunteers. He served throughout the entire war, following, after the three months' service, the fortunes of Sherman, and participating in most of the battles of his army, being severely wounded at different times. He was honorably discharged the service January 15, 1866, having given his best energies and nearly five years of his life to the service of his country. Business, banking. Post-office, Ottawa.

HENRY RIDENOUR—was born November 3, 1833, in Fairfield county and came with his parents, Henry and Margaret (Bronthaven) Ridenour, they being the fourth family that settled in Ottawa township in 1834. He married Caroline Allen, February 25, 1855, in Putnam county. She was born in Columbiana county, June 16, 1836. Her parents were Isaac and Adaline (Palmer) Allen, who came from Athens county and settled in Putnam in 1853. They have had eight children: Lydia A., born February 9, 1856; Isaac A., October 8, 1858; Editha and Calitha (twins), January 31, 1861, *died* March 30 and April 1, 1861; Martha J., August 24, 1862, *died* May 26, 1863; Samantha S., April 13, 1864; Lucy I., February 15, 1867; and Abbie J., February 21, 1873. His wife's great grandfather was in the Revolutionary war, and was in the battle of Brandywine. Business, farming. Postoffice, Ottawa.

JOHN RIDENOUR—born in Putnam county, April, 1834, is the son of Henry and Margaret (Bronthaver) Ridenour, who came from Fairfield county here in 1834. He married, December 18, 1852, Barbara A. Nemire, born in Maryland, September, 1834, daughter of Jacob Nemire and Malinda Dickey, who settled in this county in 1836. John Ridenour was the first white child born in Ottawa township. His father was a pioneer in the township, and for awhile after first coming here, engaged in hauling supplies for the settlers from Sidney, Piqua and Rome Mills, and in boating on the Blanchard river to Defiance. His grandfather Bronthaver participated in the battle of Bunker Hill, and his father was in the war of 1812, a lieutenant under General Harrison. Mr. and Mrs. Ridenour's union has been blessed with eight children: Hiram P., born April 2, 1854; twins, Edward and Samantha, born January 3, 1857, *deceased;* Barbara A., January 21, 1859; Mary, March 18, 1861; Lydia, September 12, 1863; Henry, September 18, 1864; John, March 14, 1867. Business, farming. Post-office, Ottawa.

NELSON ROW—was born in Circleville, Ohio, September 14, 1824, and came with his parents, Michael and Hannah (Galbreath) Row, to this county in May, 1834. He married, in Seneca county, Ohio, February 21, 1856, Eliza A. Dean, who was born in Seneca county, February 19, 1838, daughter of Samuel and Martha (Hitt) Dean. Children: Charles E., born January 1, 1857; Hannah M., born May 26, 1860, *died* August 2, 1862; John W., born October 28, 1864; Emma, January 3, 1868. The father of Nelson Row purchased the first lot sold in Ottawa of the original proprietors, Aughinbaugh and Barnett, at their sale of lots in 1834, which occurred at the time known as the great "July freshet." He built the first hewed log-house in Ottawa, on lot No. 57, and occupied it as a hotel, widely known as the "Row House;" this was replaced by a substantial frame, and occupied by him as a hotel up to 1877. The first township election in Ottawa township was held in his house, in April, 1835, and the township was then organized. When Michael Row came here a portion of the Ottawa Indians were still here, and their chief, Pedanquit, kept a small stock of goods which he sold to his tribe and to the early white settlers. The council house was then standing on the site known as "Indian green," and was from time to time occupied by the early settlers of Ottawa township, until they could erect cabins on their own lands. Occupation, laborer. Post-office, Ottawa.

JONATHAN Y. SACKETT—and his wife, Rachel Lusk, both had their birth in Fairfield county, Ohio, the former May 8, 1804, the latter September 14, 1814. They were married at Lancaster, Ohio, ——— ——. Mr. Sackett came to this county in 1833. His parents were Azariah and Elizabeth (Young) Sackett. Mrs. Sackett's parents were Patrick and Rachel Lusk. They have seven children: Elizabeth J., born ———, ——; Homer W., ———, ——; Margaret, Almira, ———, ——; William P., ———, ——; Phebe, ———, ——; and Nancy A., ———, ——; Mr. Sackett held the office of associate judge of Putnam county for seven years. His grandfather was a soldier of the Revolution. His son, William P. died in the service at Camp Nevin, in 1863. J. Y. Sackett made the third entry of land on Riley Creek, and drove the first two-horse and four-horse teams from near the mouth of said creek to where the town of Bluffton now stands. He shared in the hardships incident to those early times, and is familiar with the incidents and early history of the township and county. Occupation, farming. Post-office, Ottawa.

HOMER W. SACKETT—son of Jonathan Young and Rachel Lusk Sackett, came into the county, with his parents, in October, 1836. He was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, July 3, 1836. Was married in this county, March 10, 1864, to Mary E. Cartwright, who was born in this county, April 16, 1841, daughter of Stephen and Mahala Thrapp Cartwright, who settled here in April, 1837. Their children are: Charles E., born August 22, 1865; Sumner C., January 23, 1867; John M., December 1, 1868; Stubert S., August 21, 1871; Violet O., July 10, 1875; Abby F., March 3, 1879. William Putnam Sackett, brother of Homer W., died at Camp Nevin, Kentucky. He was a member of the 49th O. V. I. Business, farming. Post-office, Ottawa.

AUGUSTUS SCHIERLOH—was born in Germany, November 30, 1830, came with his parents, Casper and Agnes (Phillipskotter) into the county in 1834. He was married at Glandorf, May 13, 1862, to Mary A. Froelich, born in France, September 5, 1844, daughter of George and Mary A. Froelich, (both deceased), who came here in 1858. They have had five children, namely: Charles A., born March 17, 1864; Joseph W., January 25, 1866; John H., October 17, 1868; George F., April 20, 1871; and Henry F., born July 24, 1874, *deceased.* Mr. Schierloh was postmaster in Ottawa from 1864 to 1867. His occupation is printing. Post-office, Ottawa.

HENRY C. SHERRARD—born September 20, 1833, is a son of Henry Sherrard and Barbara Radabaugh, who came into Putnam county in 1836. He married, in this county, October 1, 1857, Charlotte S., daughter of Jacob and Malinda (Dickey) Nemire (both deceased), who came from Maryland and settled in this county in 1836. Children: Ily, born August 29, 1858, *died* October 18, 1859; Joseph E., born February 8, 1860, *died* December 1, 1869; Harry H., born June 25, 1867, lives in Ottawa. Mr. Sherrard served as sheriff of Putnam county, four years, 1874 to 1878. Post-office, Ottawa.

SAMUEL SHOUP—is a druggist of Ottawa, having settled in the county in 1861. He was born in Perry county, Ohio, February 14, 1839, and married at Rochester, Stark county, Ohio, October 10, 1858. His parents were Solomon and Elizabeth (Harmon) Shoup. His wife was Nancy E., daughter of Johnathan and Elizabeth (Karnes) Crooks. She was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, March 7, 1841. They have had seven children: Caroline E., born December 10, 1858, lives at Findlay, Ohio; James J., born December 25, 1855, *deceased;* John W., born March 29, 1857; Cordelia V., September 5, 1859; Walter M., December 14, 1861; Jennie F., born February 12, 1864, *deceased;* Samuel, born August 30, 1866. An interesting incident is connected with his ancestors and the Revolutionary war. His grandfather, Andrew Harmon, was captured by the Ottawa Indians at the age of four years, and was held a prisoner by them at this place until he was twenty-two years old. He afterwards served as a private in the war of 1812.

JAMES H. SMITH—son of James H. and Martha (Davis) Smith, was born in Knox county, Ohio, August 28, 1818, and removed to this county, in 1842. His wife, Harriet, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Todd) Todd, who came to this county from Seneca county, Ohio, in 1834, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio. They were married in this county, April, 1844, and have six children: Lafayette N., born October 14, 1839, residing in Toledo; Maria L., August 14, 1852; Kossuth, March 13, 1855; Julia R., May 15, 1858; Jeff. D., December 12, 1862; Annie C., October 11, 1868—all in Ottawa. He was land appraiser for Liberty, Ottawa and Pleasant townships in 1853; auditor of the county from 1857 to 1861, and county commissioner since 1878. His grandfather, Davis, served in the war of the Revolution, and his father was in the war of 1812, under General Harrison. Occupation, farmer. Address, Ottawa.

JOHN B. STEADMAN—was born November 15, 1817, in Fairfield county, Ohio; son of James and Mary (Barr) Steadman, who came to this county September 14, 1838; was married at New Albany, Ohio, April 27, 1845, to Laura A. Woodworth, who was born in Licking county, Ohio, July 23, 1819, daughter of Nathan and Cynthia (Culver) Woodworth. His father was a teamster in the war of 1812, and also served about a year as private in the Mexican war. J. B. Steadman was brigade judge advocate, third brigade, 15th division, O. V. M., under Salmon P. Chase, Governor and commander-in-chief of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Steadman have had four children, namely: Alice B., born January 29, 1846, now residing at Toledo; Alberta, November 6, 1847; Rosealtha, July 24, 1851, *deceased;* Laura E., March 2, 1855. Post-office, Ottawa. Business, hotel-keeping.

FRANK STUDER—was born at Solothorn, Switzerland, January 10, 1847, and settled in this county June 28, 1875. His parents were Victor and Trase Meyer Studer. He married, in Ottawa, November 27, 1876, Catharine Beckman, a native of this county, being born in Ottawa November 8, 1854, daughter of Barnhard and Ann M. (Shonhoff) Beckman, who settled here in 1851. Their one child Frank, was born March 3, 1877. Post-office, Ottawa. Occupation, butcher.

SAMUEL SLAUSON—banker and real estate dealer, settled in the county in the county in 1851. Was born in Fairfield county, Connecticut, September 29, 1833, son of J. D. and Elizabeth Slauson, who both died in Connecticut. He married at Ottawa, in September, 1866, Eveline, daughter of Dr. M. and Jessie Tippie, both of whom died in Kansas. Mr. Slauson is another of the solid business men of Putnam county. He went into partnership with Jacob Bressler in 1861, in the mercantile and grain business, in which he continued up to 1865. He then retired from that and entered into partnership with Cort Ewing in banking and real estate dealing, which has been successfully carried on until the present time. Address, Ottawa.

CHARLES J. SWAN—son of Silas and Sallie C. (Burroughs) Swan, both of whom died in Medina county, Ohio, was born in Medina county, May 3, 1840; settled in Putnam county in 1862; married, at Ottawa, February 24, 1864, to Irene N. Keller, who was born in Lima, Ohio, November 23, 1842, being the daughter of John and Sarah Keller, who both died in Putnam county. Their children are: Gertrude M., born April 20, 1865; Cora, November 7, 1866; Fred. C., January 2, 1869. His paternal grandfather served in the war of 1812. Mr. Swan has been engaged in the practice of law in Ottawa since 1863, and has been successful in his profession. He held the office of State senator from the Thirty-third Senatorial District of Ohio, in the Sixty-seventh General Assembly of the State, from January 1, 1875, for two years. Also assessor of U. S. revenue, for Putnam county, from 1863 to October, 1865; also mayor of Ottawa for two years, and member of school board for twelve years, last past, and which he still holds. He was in the three months' service in 1861, taken prisoner at Harper's Ferry, was sick with typhoid fever in the army, and left for dead by the regiment at the time of the battle. Post-office, Ottawa.

HIRAM TAYLOR—and his wife, Elizabeth (*nee* Shondel), were both born in Ohio; the former in Ashland county, November 1st, 1832, the latter in Stark county, October 25, 1835. They were married at Ottawa, June 13, 1855, and have six children: Mary J., born December 7, 1856, lives at Wapakoneta; Cornelia I., born July 4, 1859; Martha E., September 13, 1861; Calvin Mc., November 27, 1874; Frederick H., April 9, 1866; Charles E., July 15, 1872. Mr. Taylor's parents were William and Lominda (Goodrich) Taylor. Mrs. Taylor's parents, Michael and Mary A. (Linke) Shondel, came into this county in 1848. Thomas W. Taylor, grandfather of Hiram, served in the war of 1812, a sergeant of infantry under General Scott. Occupation, a carpenter. Post-office, Ottawa

CHARLES EDWIN TUPPER—physician and surgeon at Ottawa, Ohio, is a son of Charles and Julia Harriet (Briggs) Tupper, and was born in Bernard, Vermont, September 13, 1829. His wife, Mary Ann, daughter of Josiah and Villetta (Pomeroy) Gallup, was born in Ashland, Ohio, June 12, 1833. They were married at Strongsville, Cuyahoga county, Ohio, June 9, 1857, and settled in this county in 1860. They have five children: Charles Gallup, born April 18, 1858; Nellie Florence, April 28, 1861; Mary Viletta, March 12, 1865; Edwin Clark, April 25, 1868; Eugene Saney, August 30, 1878. He served as township clerk two years in Burke, Dane county, Wisconsin, and has been a member of the Board of Education in Ottawa for the past ten years. He was assistant surgeon of the Forty-first Regiment O. V. I., in the war of the Rebellion, during 1864 and 1865. His father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was on the pension roll when he died, for disability contracted in the service. Post-office address, Ottawa, Ohio.

JOHN H. UPHAUS—woolen manufacturer, is one of the founders of the first woolen mills erected in the county, now known as the Glandorf Woolen Mills, and operated by the firm of Ellerhock & Uphaus. He was born in Oldenburg, Germany, September 25, 1832, and his parents, John G. and Katharina (Poeppelman) Uphaus, emigrated from Germany and settled in this county in 1835. John B. and Anna L. (Werning) Drerup, the parents of his wife, Valentine E., also emigrated from Germany and settled here the same year. She was born in this county, February 14, 1837, and they were married at Glandorf, October 26, 1858. They have had eleven children, seven of whom are living: Frank H., born May 9, 1830, *died* June 4, 1860; Bernard H., June 11, 1861, *died* May 23, 1862; Mary E., October 28, 1862; Gerhard H., February 5, 1865; Charles William, October 24, 1866; Mary A., December 7, 1868, *died* July 2, 1871; Bernhard Joseph, December 24, 1870; Caroline C., October 18, 1872; John F., December 8, 1874; Anthony F., January 8, 1877, *died* January 15, 1877; Charles Anthony, December 9, 1878. Address, Glandorf.

WILLIAM UTRUP—a farmer of Ottawa township, was born here in 1845. His parents were George and Mary A. (Bornhold) Utrup, and settled in the county in 1837. Post-office, Ottawa.

GARRETT JOSEPH UTTENDORF—was born in this county, May 10, 1840; son of Joseph and Mary Ann (Gerdmann) Uttendorf, who settled here in 1835. His wife was Mary Catharine Elizabeth Schulte, daughter of John Henry and Mary E, (Uphaus) Schulte, who came here in 1837, and she was born in Putnam county, October 3, 1842. Five children have been born to them: Mary K., September 27, 1869; Mary E., June 30, 1873; Mary Ann Catharine, born March 18, 1875, *died* April 1, 1875; John Henry, July 7, 1876; Barney R., February 28, 1879. Occupation, farmer and thresher. Post-office, Ottawa.

HENRY WIESER—son of John and Wilhelmina (Ohn) Weiser, was born at Cridersville, Ohio, September 18, 1857; came into the county January 2, 1878; married at Ottawa, May 13, 1879, Mary T. Schmank, who was born at New Cleveland, Ohio, August 2, 1857. Mrs. Weiser's parents were John and Adelheid Schmank. Business, barber. Post-office, Ottawa.

AARON WRIGHT—had his birth in Miami county, September 15, 1832. He came to Putnam county, from Detroit, in 1870. His father, Nathan Wright, was of South Carolina, and his mother, Abigail Coppock, of Tennessee. He married, April 13, 1870, at Detroit, Mary A. McCrill, who was born in Seneca county, Ohio, August 17, 1852. Her father, Elisha W. McCrill, was of Ohio, and her mother, Sarah Thomas, of Pennsylvania. Mr. Wright's father was a soldier in the war of 1812. His brothers, David, John, James, and Robert, were in the war of Rebellion; David, in the cavalry service, army of the Potomac, served during the war; the others served in an Indiana regiment in the army of the Mississippi. James died at Memphis; the others served during the war. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have had four children, namely: Junuetta M., born June 4, 1871; Eldorado, born March 15, 1873, *died* January 13, 1876; Eugene, born August 19, 1875, *died* January 13, 1874; Richardson C., born September 15, 1877. Business, decorative painter and paper hanger. Post-office, Ottawa.

JOHN JACOB ZELLER—clerk of court Putnam county, was born at Gilboa, in this county, November 7, 1842. His parents, Andrew and Catharine Zeller, are both dead. Was married at Ashenfelter Mills, October 13, 1864, to Eliza A., daughter of John and Mary Ashenfelter, both deceased. Mrs. Zeller was born at Findlay, Ohio, November 15, 1845. Children: William Sherman, born October 8, 1865; Nellie Cate, December 31, 1870; Mary Augusta, January 6, 1874; George Frederick, June 29, 1875; Ralph Ashenfelter, November 24, 1878. Elected clerk of court in October, 1878. His wife's brother, George Ashenfelter, was killed in the military service. Post-office, Ottawa.

BLANCHARD TOWNSHIP.

MRS. SUSAN AGNER—widow of James Agner, is a daughter of Jesse and Catharine (Gross) Demont. She was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, May 21, 1837, and was married in Putnam county, August 31, 1856. Her husband, James Agner, son of George and Rachel (Mocherman) Agner, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, June 12, 1825, and settled in this county in 1833, following the occupation of a farmer. He died October 1, 1872. By this union there were seven children: James Byron, born May 15, 1857, residing in Putnam county; Mary C., August 2, 1859, now in Allen county; Luella L., May 21, 1861; Hulda B., May 13, 1863; John C., January 4, 1865; Avis N., October 28, 1866, died February 27, 1867; Stella J., born March 1, 1868. Three children were born to Mr. Agner by a former wife: Delilah, August 25, 1850, *died* September 30, 1851; Myra, born August 15, 1852, now in Putnam county; Jemima A., May 21, 1854, now in Allen county. His parents are both dead, and also two brothers of Mrs. Agner, David I. and Joel Demont, the former dying in April, 1865, while in military service. Address, Ottawa.

JERRY BACON—was born in Licking county, Ohio, April 5, 1836, and removed with his parents, George and Nancy (Stewart) Bacon, to this county in 1836. His wife, Catharine, daughter of Nimrod and Mary E. (Seiner) Smith, was born January 18, 1845, in Hancock county, Ohio. They were married in this county, and have had two children: Stoddard O'Neil, born August 11, 1863, *died* February 28, 1872; Rolla J., April 10, 1865. His grandfather was in the war of 1812. He is a farmer. Post-office, Gilboa.

WILLIAM BLODGET—was born in Wayne county, Ohio, July 13, 1828. His parents, Stillman and Mary R. (Flint) Blodget, settled in the county in 1838. His first wife was Sarah J. Miller, who bore him six children: Mary Ellen, born January 24, 1858; Cordelia, September 4, 1859—both residents of Putnam county; Clara, August 29, 1863; Royal N., November 18, 1864; Charles and William (twins), July 18, 1869. His second wife, Eliza A., daughter of Hartford and Rachel Annie (Carr) Harriman, was born in Licking county, Ohio, May 11, 1851, and her parents came to the county in 1853. They were married August 19, 1875, and two children bless the union: Earl, born September 12, 1876, and Oscar H., January 20, 1879. He has been supervisor eight years. His grandfather, Daniel Flint, entered military service in the War of the Revolution, at the age of 15, and continued through the war. Occupation, farming Address, Ottawa.

JOHN C. BRACY—son of John and Mary (Batway) Bracy, was born February 20, 1849, in this township. His wife, Easter, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Williams) Harris, was also born in this township, June 29, 1850. They were married July 30, 1868, and five children have been born to them: Elmer E., January 17, 1870; Catharine A., November 11, 1871; Mary Z., September 11, 1874; Alice G., October 11, 1875, *died* July 22, 1877; Samuel A., March 6, 1877, *died* August 23, 1878. Occupation, farmer. Address, Gilboa.

CHARLES BRUMM—is a farmer and baker, with postoffice address at Gilboa. He was born in New Prussian Germania, December 22, 1824, his parents being John P. and Elizabeth (Ort) Brumm. He was married in Gilboa, September 16, 1879. His wife is Nancy C., daughter of Joseph and Christina (Miller) Snyder. They settled in the county in 1853. His father-in-law served in the war of the Rebellion about ten months. Mr. Brumm has been a resident of the county since 1854.

ELAH H. BUCKLAND—was born in Licking county, Ohio, February 13, 1844. His parents, John L. and Caroline (Beach) Buckland, settled in the county in 1852. His wife, Jane R. Maidlow, daughter of John and Lucinda (Dowds) Maidlow, who settled in the county in 1835, was born July 10, 1846. They were married in this county, March 28, 1867, and have had six children: Harry L., born February 28, 1868; Agnes M., March 3, 1870; Mary E., March 29, 1872; Samuel S., November 25, 1874, *died* February 9, 1877; Annetta, March 12, 1877; Elah M., April 7, 1879. Occupation, farming. Post-office, Ottawa.

JOHN L. BUCKLAND—is a farmer, with his address at Ottawa. He settled in the county in 1852. He was born in Rutland county, Vermont, and is a son of William and Anna (Lewis) Buckland. He was married in Licking county, Ohio, December 16, 1841, to Caroline, daughter of Joseph and Rebecca (Hayes) Beach. She was born in Essex county, New York, August 13, 1821, and her parents removed to this county in 1843. Eight children have been born to them: Mary Ann, November 4, 1842; Elah Harry, February 13, 1844; Alice Lucinda, October 23, 1845—these residing in Blanchard township; Reuben Sanford, September 3, 1848, *died* April 21, 1867; Lewis Thare, born November 21, 1850, resides in Blanchard township; Sarah Helen, September 10, 1851, resides in Ottawa township; John, October 1, 1851, *died* April 4, 1863; Jerusha Caroline, born September 16, 1864.

DANIEL BUTLER—son of Joseph and Abigail (Severns) Butler, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, July 2, 1805. He settled in this county in 1854. His wife, Hannah, daughter of John S. and Jane (Parker) Severns, was born in Pennsylvania, July 31, 1808. They were married in Coshocton county, Ohio, March 1, 1827. Nine sons and daughters, all living, have sprung from this union: Thomas J., January 18, 1828, now in Missouri; John M., September 11, 1829, in this township; Joseph W., June 5, 1831, in Texas; Abigail J., January 5, 1833, in Missouri; Daniel R., December 9, 1834; Lucinda, October 27, 1836; Elizabeth, July 20, 1839; Sarah, July 7, 1842; Hannah A., January 21, 1847—all residing in Putnam county. He served as township treasurer in Coshocton county. Two of his brothers, Joseph and John Butler, served three years in the Mexican war. Occupation, farming. Address, Gilboa.

MATTHEW A. CHAMBERS—was born in Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio, March 24, 1827, and is the son of Matthew and Mary (Radabaugh) Chambers. He accompanied his parents to Putnam county in March, 1837, and was married in Blanchard township, March 6, 1855, to Margaret A. Krutsch, who was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, October 18, 1827. Three children have blessed their union: Mary Viola, John J., and Banner, the latter born December 26, 1860. Mr. Chambers has filled the offices of township trustee and school director, and at this writing is one of the trustees of the township. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion in April, 1861, as corporal of Company D, Twenty-first Regiment O. V. I., for three months, and was in the battle of Scarry Creek, Virginia. He afterwards served as a captain in a company of the Ohio militia. His father enlisted as a private near the close of the war of 1812. When his father came to Putnam county, he opened a store at Gilboa, in the spring of 1838. It was among the first stores of the place, and trade was quite extensive with the Wyandot Indians, who were honorable in their dealings. Coon skins were a good legal tender, and in demand. In 1840 he erected a two-story residence, which at that time was considered a palatial structure. Up to the construction of the Dayton & Michigan Railroad, Gilboa was the first town in importance in the county, and did an extensive mercantile business, there being five stores at one time, and all doing a good trade. Mr. Chambers still resides on the farm cleared up by his father, with his post-office address at Gilboa.

CHARLES G. CONINE—is a farmer and stockdealer. He was born in Licking county, Ohio, June 26, 1841, and his parents, John S. and Nancy (Munet) Conine, settled in this county in 1847. His wife, Alice L. Buckland, was born in Licking county, Ohio, October 26, 1845. Her parents, John L. and Caroline (Beach) Buckland, settled in the county in 1852. Mr. and Mrs. Conine were married in this township, March 28, 1867, and the family circle numbers six children: Caroline, born August 7, 1869; Charles G., January 22, 1871; John H., October 20, 1872; Fanny, July 15, 1874; James A., August 29, 1876; Etta P., September 7, 1878. He has been supervisor about five years. Post-office, Gilboa.

CHARLES CONINE—son of Jacob and Mary A. (Greer) Conine, who also live in the county, was born in Licking county, Ohio, June 23, 1854. He was married November 14, 1877, at Gilboa, to Catharine G. Brugman. Business, billiard saloon and restaurant. Post-office address, Gilboa.

JACOB CONINE—hotel keeper at Gilboa, was born in Licking county, Ohio, July 28, 1829, and came to this county in 1856. His parents were Peter D. and Cornelia (Vandom) Conine. His wife, Mary Alvilda, daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Stoolfire) Greer, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, March 15, 1833. They have three children: Theodore, born April 15, 1852; Charles, June 23, 1854; Joshua, December 9, 1856—all residing in Blanchard township. He has been constable four years.

JOHN CRAWFIS—was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, August 1, 1809, and settled in Putnam county in 1833. His parents, Nicholas and Polly (McElroy) Crawfis; the former born in Baden, Germany, 1783; the latter at Fort Pitt, 1779. He married Sarah, daughter of Calvin and Susanna Moorehead, the latter being natives of Pennsylvania and Baltimore, Maryland, respectively. His wife is a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, and was born November 19, 1819. His mother's uncle, John Lawrence, and his grandfather were killed by the Indians. Mr. Crawfis was the first clerk of Blanchard township. Occupation, farmer. Post-office address, Gilboa.

LEWIS N. CRAWFIS—was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, May 24, 1819. His parents were Nicholas and Mary Magdaline (McElroy) Crawfis, who came to this county in 1833. He was married in this county February 14, 1841, to Mary Ann Henderson, who was born May 30, 1823, in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, whose parents were William and Mary Ann (Butt) Henderson, and who settled in the county in 1838. Nine children have been born: Otho, May 22, 1842, *died* June 3, 1842; John A., born April 30, 1843, resides in Riley township; Nancy J., April 26, 1845; Henry William, December 10, 1847—both

residents of Blanchard township: Mary Ann, May 30, 1850, resides in Riley township; Lewis P., August 21, 1853; Ada, December 3, 1855—both residents of Blanchard; Herman L., November 22, 1858; George McClellan, June 25, 1862. Mr. Crawfis is a farmer, with his post-office address at Ottawa, and has been supervisor about twenty years; school director, thirty years; constable, six years, and infirmary director, four years. His oldest living son, John A. Crawfis, served as a private in the army from the breaking out of the war to its close.

OTHO W. CRAWFIS, Sr.—settled in Putnam county in 1831. He was born in Virginia, in 1793, and was the son of Nicholas and Polly (McElroy) Crawfis. His mother died in Putnam county, in 1845. He was married in Fairfield county, Ohio, where his wife was born. Her parents were George and Rachel (Mockerman) Agner, who came to Putnam county in 1833. The family circle comprised eight children, five of whom are living: Delilah, born May 7, 1833; Henry V., November 15, 1834, *died* March, 1835; Jemima, born July 7, 1836; Lewis Benton, December 29, 1837, *died* April, 1851; James P., born June 14, 1841; Otho W., November 24, 1842; George M., October 25, 1845, *died* in 1851; Ortha Jane, January 7, 1849. The last named is at home; the others who are living reside in the township. Mr. Crawfis was elected commissioner of Putnam county in 1834 for three years; treasurer of the county from 1847 to 1851, and again commissioner, in 1861, for three years. He is a farmer and his post-office address is Gilboa. His father-in-law died December 6, 1877, aged ninety-five years.

OTHO WILSON CRAWFIS, Jr.—was born in this county November 24, 1842. His parents, Otho W. and Sarah (Agner) Crawfis, settled here in 1831. His first wife was Harriet Ashtenfelter, who was born in February, 1844, died January 23, 1873. They were married in this county May 15, 1863. Six children were born to them: Sarah A., June 6, 1864; John O., December 2, 1865; Mary L., May 19, 1867; Eva V., December 24, 1868, *died* December 26, 1868; Estella M., May 15, 1870; and Americus N., December 26, 1872. He married again in this county. His wife is a daughter of Daniel and Priscilla (Nix) Strayer. She was born in Fairfield county June 30, 1842. By this union they have two children: Nathan W., born June 15, 1878; and Amos, September 24, 1879. He has been township treasurer two years, and school director six years. Occupation, farmer. Post-office, Gilboa.

JOHN MICHAEL DECH—son of John M. and Hannah (Trauger) Dech, was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, December 3, 1836. He married in Crawford county, November 11, 1866, Elvira, daughter of Eli and Ann (Miller) Davis. She was born in Huron county, August 8, 1836, and settled in this county January 1, 1870. They have had seven children: Edgar, born June 3, 1867; Cloyd, June 27, 1869; Charles, June 13, 1871; Harry, April 29, 1874; infant daughter, October 28, 1876, *deceased;* infant son, October 7, 1878, *deceased;* and Chester M., January 5, 1880. He and his brother Anthony were in the First Ohio Independent Battery, 1862–5, war of Rebellion. His wife's brothers, James E. and Philander, were in same war; the former 1861–5, the latter 1862–4. Business, farmer and saw-mill proprietor. Post-office, Leipsic.

COMMODORE W. DRAKE—son of David and Rachel (Sill) Drake, was born August 1, 1836, in Holmes county, Ohio, and settled in this county in 1858. His wife, Lucinda, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Severns) Butler, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, October 27, 1836. They were married in this county August 10, 1854, her parents having come here the same year. They have four children: Minerva A., born February 2, 1856, resides in this township; Helen L., May 22, 1859, lives in Gilboa; Dora L., December 23, 1861; Eda R., February 10, 1872. His brother, Levi Drake, served in the late war as colonel, and was killed in battle. He served in the war of the Rebellion as second and first lieutenant, and captain. Occupation, farming. Post-office, Gilboa.

JAMES FERRELL—son of John and Elizabeth (Billby) Ferrell, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, February 22, 1808, and settled in this county in 1836. His first wife, Parthena Hickerson, was born September 19, 1814, and died May 19, 1874. Eight children were born to them, as follows: Caroline, June 4, 1834, *died* September 19, 1874; John, March 25, 1836, living in this township; Ellen, March 10, 1840, *died* September 10, 1859; Samuel H., June 10, 1842, *dead;* William, March 26, 1846; Eliza A., October 18, 1850; Joseph A., September 20, 1852—all residing in this township; Nancy Jane, March 15, 1855, living in Knox county, Ohio. His second wife, Priscilla V., daughter of John and Rachel (Thrapp) Burrell, was born in Licking county, Ohio, September 26, 1835, and they were married June 7, 1876. His son, Samuel H., was killed at the battle of Lookout Mountain, September 22, 1864. Occupation, shoemaker. Post-office, Gilboa.

WILLIAM W. FRANTZ—son of Simon Edward and Martha Jane (Patrick) Frantz, who came to the county in 1834, was born in this township, September 27, 1849. His wife, Mary E., daughter of Alfa Robert and Elizabeth (Acord) Hoskinson, and whose parents settled in the county in 1839, was also born in this township, March 6, 1851. They were married in the township April 16, 1873, and four children have been added to the family circle: William P., born August 4, 1874; Robert Ross, November 18, 1875; Lilly, November 30, 1877; Zella May, August 7, 1879. He has served as township trustee two years. Occupation, farming. Post-office, Gilboa.

MRS. ELIZA GUISINGER—widow of Charles B. Guisinger. He was born in Kentucky, November 17, 1806; his parents were John and Nancy (Bradshaw) Guisinger, and was married in Fairfield county, January 24, 1830, to Eliza, daughter of Nicolas and Mary (McElroy) Crawfis—the latter, with two sons and two daughters, came to this county in 1832—the following year she came with her husband to this county. Eight children were born to them: Mary Ann (Radabaugh), April 3, 1831, *died* December, 1865; Christianna, February 17, 1833, *died* July 3, 1851; Catharine S., May 12, 1835, *died* January 16, 1866; Sarah Ann (Clymer), April 30, 1837, resides in Allen county; Arrora, April 16, 1840, in Blanchard township; John, April 19, 1843; Jacob, November 3, 1848, lives in Hancock county; Eliza Alice, April 16, 1851, at home. Her husband held the office of justice of the peace for twenty years in Blanchard township. He died October 4, 1859. Her son, Arrora, was in the war of Rebellion, 1861–4, Forty-ninth Regiment O. V. I., was taken prisoner, exchanged, transferred to Fifth U. S. Cavalry, where he remained to end of war. Occupation, farming. Post-office, Gilboa.

ALLEN C. HALL—whose parents, Samuel and Martha (Wamsley) Hall, settled in the county in 1832, was born May 11, 1834, and was married in this county June 14, 1855. His wife, Jemima, whose parents, Otho W. and Sarah (Agner) Crawfis, came to the county in 1831, was born July 7, 1836. They have had ten children, as follows: Sarah M., born February 1, 1857, lives in this township; Eva Nora, November 6, 1859, *died* November 18, 1859; Samuel Otho, December 7, 1860; Elva Dora, May 22, 1863; Cordelia I., October 28, 1865; Herbert, May 26, 1868, *died* August 23, 1868; Cora B., September 5, 1869, John, March 23, 1872, *died* January 29, 1873; William Allen, January 30, 1874; Leona M., August 20, 1876. He has served as township trustee seven years. His brother, James Hall, died at Murfreesborough, during the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming. Post-office, Gilboa.

DARIUS HARMON—is a farmer, with post-office address at Gilboa. He is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Rarey) Harmon, and was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, October 29, 1834. He was married August 20, 1857, in Fairfield county, Ohio, to Hannah, daughter of Peter and Rebecca (Siberg) Lines, who was born in Fairfield county, June 9, 1836. There are three children: Hulda Jane, born October 16, 1858; William H., March 8, 1863; Maudy C., July 5, 1877, *died* November 1, 1879. He has held the offices of supervisor two years, and school director five years.

IRA HARMON—is a farmer and stock dealer. His parents were Thomas and Elizabeth (Rarey) Harmon, and he was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, May 27, 1816, coming to this county in 1832. His first wife, Rebecca Buckingham, was born June 5, 1814. She bore him four children: Thomas, born August 12, 1838, *died* August 9, 1839; Darius, January 5, 1840, *died* July 15, 1869; Elizabeth C., April 11, 1841; John B., November 5, 1842—both residing in this township. He and his second wife, Phoebe, daughter of Andrew and Mary M. (Stump) McClure, were married in this county March 31, 1846. She was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, August 27, 1827. They have had nine children, as follows: Pulaski, January 5, 1847, living in Perry township; Ira L., December 24, 1848, this township; Charles A., December 22, 1850; William H., July 6, 1854; Casper A., March 28, 1856, Gilboa; Joshua J., April 8, 1858, Perry township; Mary E., May 7, 1861; Martha M., March 3, 1863; Oscar N., February 29, 1866. His grandfather, Harmon, was a soldier of the Revolution. He has been supervisor in the township three years. Post-office, Gilboa.

JOHN B. HARMON—whose parents, Ira and Rebecca (Buckingham) Harmon, settled in this county in 1832, was born November 5, 1842. Emma C., his wife, daughter of Jesse and Margaret A. (Shafer) McWilliams, was born in Mahoning county, November 6, 1841, and her parents settled in this county in 1850. The two were married March 1, 1863, in this county, and there have been seven children: Charles Ira, born March 2, 1864, *died* March 5, 1870; Thomas Jesse, August 4, 1866, *died* August 11, 1868; Edward D., August 31, 1868, *died* February 7, 1870; John Sherman, October 1, 1870; William A., December 25, 1872; Francis A., April 25, 1875; Walter E., August 24, 1877. He has served as constable and also as supervisor in Perry township. Business, farming. Post-office, Gilboa.

ALEXANDER R. HARRIS—is a farmer and stone dealer, and was born November 12, 1835, in Licking county, Ohio. His parents, Samuel and Mary E. (Bateson) Harris, came to the county in 1838. His wife, Nancy J., was born in this county April 26, 1845, and her parents, Lewis N. and Mary Ann (Henderson) Crawfis, came to this county in 1832. They were married in this county October 14, 1862. Eight children have been born to them: Samuel L., September 25, 1863; Edson G. H., September 17, 1865; Ada E., March 29, 1868; Annie C., January 3, 1870; Blanche M., August 3, 1872; Laura D., August 15, 1875; John A. E., *deceased*, and March P. (twins), March 1, 1878. Post-office, Ottawa.

MRS. ANN HARRIS—whose husband, Thomas Harris, died July 13, 1866, was the daughter of Benjamin and Christina (Warner) Wheeler, and was born in Licking county November 21, 1818. He was a son of John and Cassandra (Hughes) Harris, and was also born in Licking county, November 20, 1821. They were married in that county April 23, 1846, and settled in this county in 1849. They have had eight children, only four of whom are living: Mary F., born January 23, 1847; Elizabeth A., April 5, 1848, *died* June 4, 1849; Sylvester A., March 18, 1850; William W., February 19, 1852, resides in Hancock county; George M., February 1, 1854; Thomas J., November 26, 1855, *died* May 26, 1878; Jessie E., March 24, 1858, *died* September 8, 1858; James E., June 21, 1860, *died* January 14, 1867. Her husband was a farmer and mechanic. Her grandfather was in the Revolutionary war. Post-office, Gilboa.

PERRY W. HARRIS—whose parents were Joshua and Elizabeth (Siler) Harris, was born in Licking county, Ohio, October 29, 1821, and settled in this county in 1854. His wife, Mary Ann, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Ellison) Pound, was born in Orange county, New York, April 16, 1824. They were married in Licking county November 14, 1844, and have had seven children: George W., August 3, 1845, *died* April 9, 1869; Adaline C., June 7, 1847; Isaac P., July 29, 1849; resides in this township; Emily E., January 7, 1855, *died* January 15, 1879; Isabella, August 15, 1857; Joseph, October 2, 1860; Reece F., February 24, 1866. He has held the office of township assessor two years. Occupation, farming. Post-office, Gilboa.

STACY HARRIS—son of John and Cassandra (Hughes) Harris, was born in Licking county July 6, 1818, and came to this county in 1846. His wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Leonard Nicely, was born in Pennsylvania April 5, 1824. They were married in Licking county, September 7, 1843. Four children made up the family circle: Henry, born July 23, 1844, resides in Blanchard township; Harvey, July 24, 1841, *deceased;* Samuel L., May 30, 1854, resides in Crawford county, Ohio; Sarah E., June 28, 1860. His father, John Harris, served as a private in the Revolutionary war about eight months. His son, Henry Harris, was in the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming. Post-office, Gilboa.

THEOPHILUS HENDERSON—was born November 22, 1833, in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, and is a son of Robert and Anna (Bentford) Henderson. He was married July 30, 1851, at Findlay, Ohio, to Delilah E., daughter of Otho W. and Sarah (Agner) Crawfis, who came to the county in 1831. Three children were born to them: Sarah E. R., born August 23, 1853, residing in Gilboa, Ohio; Orpha L., July 10, 1856, *died* July 25, 1874; Laura A., born July 24, 1860. His grandfather, Wm. Henderson, was a soldier in the war of 1812. Mr. Henderson is a farmer, with his post-office address at Gilboa.

SAMUEL KLINE—farmer, was born May 31, 1849, in Wayne county, Ohio. His parents, Samuel and Eliza J. (Barr) Kline, settled in the county in 1855. His wife, Hattie, daughter of James H. and Sarah (Hughes) Blackburn, was born in this county November 2, 1852. Her parents settled in the county in 1834. They were married December 4, 1878, and have one child, Kattie, born December 11, 1878. He has served as school director two years. Post-office, Gilboa.

SAMUEL KLINE—whose parents were Conrad and Catharine (Miller) Kline, was born January 13, 1809, in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, died October 8, 1871. His wife, Eliza Jane, daughter of John and Nancy (Davenport) Barr, was born also in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, June 12, 1813. They were married April 9, 1835, in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and ten children have sprung from the union: John, born January 12, 1836, *died* June 22, 1842; Robert B., born May 24, 1837, resides in Leipsic; Catharine A., February 10, 1840, resides in Ottawa; Eliza Jane, February 8, 1842, *died* January 21, 1850; Sarah O., born June 2, 1844, resides in Riley township; Nancy B., June 1, 1846; Samuel and Margaret I. (twins), May 31, 1849, the former residing in Blanchard and the latter in Sugar Creek township; Margery, March 3, 1852; Tamer, November 6, 1853, *died* April 22, 1875. He settled in Putnam county in 1852, and has held the offices of infirmary director four years; assessor, one year; trustee five years, and school director fifteen years. He was a farmer. Post-office, Gilboa.

GEORGE KOBER—son of Anthony and Magdalena (Mingus) Kober, was born in Stark county, Ohio, November 5, 1832, and came to Putnam county, bringing his parents, in 1860. Clementine, daughter of Jacob and Tracey (Herbert) Demont, whom he married February 5, 1877, was born in Paris, her parents coming to this county in 1858. With a former wife (Sarah J. Moffitt), whom he married October 20, 1859, died August 17, 1875, there are seven children: William Antone, born September 8, 1860; Mary J., February 14, 1862; John D., April 21, 1864; Andrew A., November 1, 1865; Clare E., September 5, 1867; George Clement, September 23, 1870; Sarah Viola, March 23, 1875, *died* September 15, 1875. There is one child by the present wife, born December 4, 1878. Occupation, farming. Address, Ottawa.

WILLIAM P. LUDWIG—son of John and Clara (Pursel) Ludwig, is a merchant of Gilboa, and was born August 10, 1844, at Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. He came to Putnam county in 1874, and was married April 14 of that year at Ottawa, to Sarah R. R., daughter of Theophilus and Delilah (Crawfis) Henderson, who have been residents of the county since 1832. They have one child: Glenn H., born December 2, 1876. Mr. Ludwig has been postmaster at Gilboa for five years past.

ALBERT COATES MATTHIAS—physician and surgeon, at Gilboa, Ohio, who settled in the county in 1867, was born May 19, 1844, in Stark county, Ohio. His parents are Jacob and Mary (Stambaugh) Matthias. His wife, Eleanor, daughter of Robert and Eleanor (Parsons) Harris, was born in Stalbridge Weston, England. They were married at Leipsic, Ohio, April 12, 1866, and have had six children: Charles Dickens, October 29, 1867, *died* March 29, 1868; Alva Cassells, May 23, 1869; Everett Harris, August 21, 1870; Mary Maud, November 12, 1871; Edward Shiloh, April 6, 1873; Eli Franklin, October 30, 1877, *died* July 11, 1878. William Harris, sergeant of Company K, Sixtieth Regiment O. V. V. I., was killed May 14, 1864, in the battle of Resaca, Georgia. Albert Harris, a member of Company I, Forty-ninth Regiment O. V. V. I., was killed May 27, 1864, in a battle at Dallas, Georgia. Dr. A. C. Matthias enlisted as a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, in Company K, Sixty-fifth Regiment O. V. I., November 4, 1861. He re-enlisted, as a veteran, in the same company and regiment January 1, 1864. He was in the battles of Shiloh, Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Rocky Face Ridge, Dalton, and Resaca, besides over thirty skirmishes. He was shot through the right elbow joint in the battle of Resaca, Georgia, May 14, 1864, and was discharged from service February 6, 1865, on account of wound. He received his education in common schools, and graduated in medicine at the Cleveland Medical College February 4, 1869. He was elected president of the Putnam County Medical Society, December, 1878, and re-elected in June, 1879.

JAMES McCLISH—son of Nelson and Susan Ann (Stewart) McClish, who came to this county in 1833, was born in Montgomery county, May 18, 1846. He was married in Hancock county, October 29, 1868, and his wife's name is Arminta, daughter of John J. and Harriet (McClish) Moffit. She was born in Hancock county, May 30, 1847, and they have had six children: Robert, born July 30, 1869, *died* September 19, 1870; Augustus, July 28, 1871; Alva, October 3, 1872, *died* September 12, 1872; John, January 14, 1874; Maud, June 4, 1876, *died* May 30, 1878; William, October 1, 1878. He was a corporal in the Sixth Independent Company of Ohio volunteers (sharpshooters) in the war of the Rebellion. He is a merchant of general groceries, with post-office address at Gilboa, Ohio.

ANDREW S. McCULLOUGH—is a farmer and stock dealer in Blanchard township, having come to this county with his parents, David U., and Matilda (Brooks) McCullough, in 1856. He was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, January 26, 1845. His wife, Rebecca Jane, daughter of Squire and Susan (Gable) Darling, who came to the county in 1855, was born in Richland county, Ohio, March 14, 1844. They were married in this township, December 29, 1864. Post-office, Gilboa.

DAVID T. McCULLOUGH—farmer, was born in Hancock county, Ohio, May 7, 1855, and in the following year, his parents, David U. and Matilda (Brooks) McCullough, settled in this county. He was married February 17, 1874, at Columbus Grove. His wife, Maggie M., daughter of John and Elizabeth (McDowell) Norton, was born in this county, September 23, 1853. They have three children: Bessie M., December 27, 1873; Selah M., March 23, 1876, *died* September 24, 1878; David U., September 23, 1878. He has served as constable in this township. Post-office, Gilboa.

DAVID U. McCULLOUGH—was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, April 13, 1819, and was married January 7, 1844, in the county of his birth, to Matilda Brook. His parents were David and Frances McCullough, and his father served through the war of 1812. Mr. McCullough came to Putnam county in 1855. He has held the office of township trustee in Hancock county for five years, and the same length of time in Putnam county; also justice of the peace three years. He has had a family of eleven children: Francis, born April 24, 1839, resides in Blanchard township; Elizabeth Ann, July 25, 1843, now in Ottawa township; Andrew S., January 26, 1845, now in Blanchard; George R., September 27, 1846, *deceased* March 2, 1854; Maria Margaret, born October 26, 1849, Ottawa township; Catharine B., October 17, 1852, Hancock county; David T., May 7, 1855, Blanchard township; John W., June 12, 1858, *died* June 30, 1858; Reason F., born July 20, 1859; Alexander J., October 15, 1834; Sarah Jane, February 5, 1866. The three last named are at home. Occupation, farmer. Post-office, Gilboa.

MRS. NANCY J. McDOUGLE—widow of Samuel McDougle, who died June 4, 1876, was born in Shelby county, Ohio, July 31, 1840. Her parents are George W and Ellen (Thompson) Burgess. Her husband's parents, Joshua and Susannah (Cook) McDougle, are both dead, having settled in the county in 1833. He was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1832, and was married in this county May 15, 1858, and had six children; Eliza E., born July 23, 1859; Leonidas I., October 10, 1861; William O., December 3, 1863; Fanny M., May 15, 1866. Cora N., born December 31, 1869, and Lyman F., August 7, 1874. Her husband served in the war of the Rebellion, and followed farming and school-teaching. Post-office, Gilboa.

REV. WESLEY GRIMES MONTGOMERY, A. M.—son of Henry and Mary Grimes Montgomery; the former of Tyrone, Ireland, the latter of Bath county, Virginia; was born in Licking county, June 23, 1813. Married, October 31, 1839, in Madison county, Kentucky, Nancy D., daughter of Elihu and Elizabeth (Pinkston) Greene. She was born October 28, ——, died August 28, 1845. September, 1849, he married, in Fleming county, Kentucky, Julia Ann, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Seevers) Plummer, who was born 1823. By this union four children were born: Mary C., July 2, 1850; Amanda M. (Folk), April 20, 1852; Sarah E., December 2, 1854, *died* March 1, 1858; and Henry Bascom B., June 18, 1857; the living reside in Blanchard township. He again married, October, 1867, in Putnam county, Mary Oliver, who was born in Licking county, in 1823, died December 5, 1877. His wife's grandfather, Plummer, was in the Revolutionary war; his father-in-law, Plummer, was in the war of 1812, under General Shelby, was wounded at Dudley's defeat. He spent three years at the Ohio University, graduated at Augusta College, Kentucky, in 1837, joined the Kentucky Conference M. E. Church, continued as an itinerant fourteen years, one year as missionary in Indian Territory, had charge of the Fort Coffee Choctaw Mission Academy 1845-6, and came to this county in 1852 from Licking county. Occupation, minister and farmer. Post-office, Gilboa.

JOSEPH HENRY MILLER—son of John Henry and Sophia C. (Egler) Cook Miller, was born March 11, 1838, in Putnam county; his parents both deceased, the first named 1850, the last 1865. Settled in this county in 1837. His wife, Sarah Maria Clark, was also born in Putnam county, April 24, 1841, and is the daughter of James D. and Elizabeth (Battenfield) Clark, who came to the county in 1837. They were married, June 20, 1861, in the county of their birth, and have eight children: Mary A., born May 10, 1862; Elizabeth J., April 1, 1864; John Wm., April 16, 1865; Margery A., August 23, 1868; Lucy E., April 2, 1871; James E. and Clara E. (twins), April 4, 1874; and Eva Ann, November 9, 1878. His father-in-law was one of the early settlers in Ottawa township; had dug a well nineteen feet deep, and walled it with boulders; the water failing, went down to clean it, the wall caved in; his wife raised the alarm, the nearest help was one mile; the few citizens of Ottawa turned out *en masse*, and by hard work was dug out, after being confined over six hours; he was not seriously hurt; now lives in Michigan. Business, farming. Post-office, Ottawa.

JOHN N. NASH—farmer, came to this county when a child, in 1836, with his parents, William A. and Teletha Ann (Thrapp) Nash. He was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, December 10, 1830, and was married at Gilboa, October 18, 1857, to Ellen Long, who was born in Carroll county, Ohio, May 11, 1834, and whose parents were George and Isabel (McCullough) Long. Four children have been born: Ura A., April 10, 1859, *died* June 10, 1872; Franklin R., born November 26, 1861, *died* April 15, 1867; Charles E., September 13, 1864; Eva, August 17, 1872. Mr. Nash has held the offices of township trustee, two years; supervisor, two years; school director, three years. Address, Ottawa.

JULIUS EGGLESTON NEWMAN—is a practising physician and surgeon, at Gilboa, having settled in the county in 1871. He was the son of George R. and Lucy A. Newman, who are both dead, and was born April 1, 1837, in Frederick county, Virginia. His grandfather, Henry Bayliss, served in the army during the Revolutionary war, holding the position of lieutenant a portion of the time, and at the close of the war he had advanced to the rank of major in the service. Dr. Newman received a classical education at the University of Virginia and afterwards studied medicine in the Pennsylvania University and Savannah Medical College, graduating in medicine, in 1868. Since that time he has been in active practice in his profession.

WILLIAM W. PLACE—son of Sullivan S. and Harriet (Patee) Place, is a farmer, with address at Leipsic. His wife, Margaret, daughter of William B. and Sarah (Davidson) Thrapp, was born in Putnam county, and he in Westfield, Delaware county, Ohio. He was born April 22, 1830, and she April 13, 1836. They were married in this county, October 20, 1853, and nine children are the fruits of the union: Sarah A., born July 20, 1856; Albert N., October 23, 1857; George R., December 24, 1859; Cora Eva, September 3, 1861; Addie M., March 24, 1863; Orville T., June 13, 1865; Elizabeth A., September 23, 1867; Charles E., October 9, 1869; Zella Leo, January 13, 1877. A nephew of his wife was killed in military service. He has been county commissioner six years, and township trustee two years.

BENJAMIN F. POPE—whose parents, Henry and Priscilla (Wade) Pope, settled in the county in 1833, was born May 22, 1838, and is now a farmer and stock dealer. His wife was born in Licking county, Ohio, September 10, 1835. Her parents, Robert and Agnes (Siler) Stewart, settled in the county in 1839. November 12, 1863, in this county, Mr. and Mrs. Pope were married, and they have had six children: Amanda E., November 4, 1864; Vina A., June 1, 1866; Fenelon F., May 10, 1869; Willie W., March 7, 1871, *died* September 1, 1872; Agnes A., March 1, 1873; Byron W., August 10, 1875. He has been supervisor three years. His grandfather, Wade, was in the war of 1812. He served as a private in the war of the Rebellion, in Company D, Twenty-first Regiment O. V. I. When his father settled in the county, in 1833, he had but $5, a barrel of pork and two barrels of flour, and his wife and one child. The forest furnished him meat, and the Indians assisted him to raise his log cabin. Post-office, Ottawa.

JOSHUA POWELL—son of Nutter and Hettie (Owens) Powell, who settled in the county in 1832, was born December 12, 1835, and is a farmer and stock dealer. His wife, Fannie, daughter of David U. and Elizabeth (Scarlot) McCullough, was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, April 24, 1839, and came with her parents to this county in 1855. They were married at Kalida, September 16, 1858, and have one child, David N., born May 20, 1863. He served about four months as a private in the One Hundred and Fiftieth O. N. G. His brother, Amos Powell, served in the war of the Rebellion as a private in the Forty-ninth Regiment O. V. I., and died at Nashville, Tennessee. Post-office, Gilboa.

PERRY W. POWELL—who died June 22, 1877, was the son of Nutter and Hetty B. (Owens) Powell, both deceased. He was born July 20, 1831, in Pike county, Ohio, settled in Putnam county in 1833, and was married February 19, 1856, to Catharine E., daughter of John and Mary (Cochonour) Ashenfelter, both of whom are also dead. His wife was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1835. Six children were born to them: Perry Elmer F., born January 25, 1857; Olive N., May 22, 1858; Irena Augusta, May 28, 1870; Clarissa D., March 2, 1872; Lewis R. P., May 28, 1873; Sarah M., February 21, 1875. A brother of Mrs. Powell, George Ashenfelter, died March 15, 1863, from the effects of a wound received at the battle of Stone River. Mr. Powell's occupation was that of a farmer.

PETER RIDGE—was born in Ashland county, August 10, 1816, and his parents, William and Harriett (Catlett) Ridge, settled in the county the same year. He was married in this township September 28, 1864. His wife, Sarah, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Severns) Butler, was born in Coshocton county August 7, 1842. Seven children have been born to them: John D., February 7, 1865; Daniel L. D., March 2, 1867; William E., August 21, 1870, *deceased;* James B., October 5, 1874; Harry, February 7, 1876; Gracie, September 20, 1877; Peter, August 31, 1879. He has served as supervisor seven years. Business, farming. Post-office Gilboa.

JOHN SMITH—son of Nimrod and Mary (Saner) Smith, was born in Stark county, November 19, 1826, and settled in this county in 1859. He married his first wife, Mary J. Boylan, June 14, 1849, and two children were born to them: William W., April 5, 1850; and Maroa J. (Blair); the former resides at Leipsic, Ohio; the latter in Henry county, Iowa. Mrs. Smith died August 28, 1851. May 25, 1854, he married, in this county, Susan Farver, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Harris) Farver; seven children were the result of this union: Mary E. (Hoskinson), born March 5, 1855; Eugene F., February 28, 1857, *died* April 6, 1877; Clarissa A., December 5, 1858, *died* February 26, 1873; Benjamin M., March 27, 1862, *died* September 25, 1863; Noryce A., March 13, 1864, *died* March 31, 1877; Cora May, January 12, 1867; and Burten S., January 16, 1870, *died* March 29, 1877; the living are at home. His brothers, Lewis, George, Jacob, and Nimrod, were in the war of the Rebellion, 1861-5. Nimrod died at Camp Beverly. Business, farming. Post-office, Gilboa.

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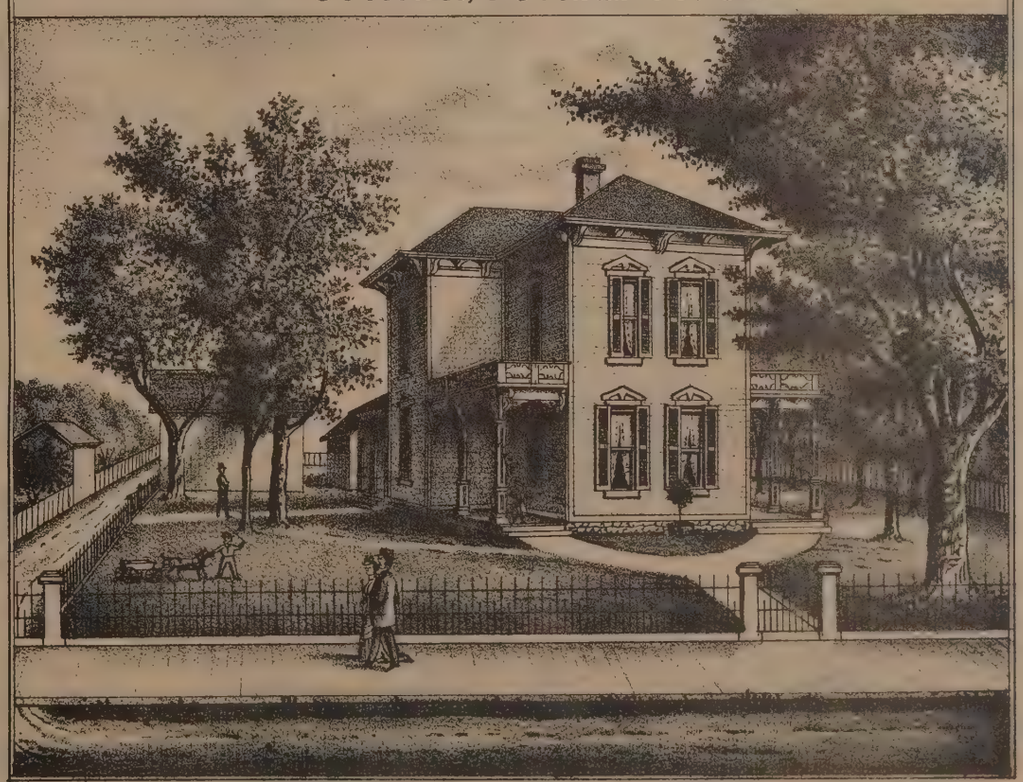


RESIDENCE OF A. CRAWFORD
COLUMBUS GROVE, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO.

MAP OF PERRY TOWNSHIP

Range 5, East. Town 1, North.

SOLOMON SANDS—son of James and Catharine (Stearman) Sands, was born in Virginia, January 1, 1823, and removed with his parents to this county in 1836. His wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Gilbert L. and Judith (Low) Emans, was born in New Jersey, March 11, 1822. They were married in this township December 31, 1840, since which time twelve children have completed the family circle: James A., born July 18, 1842, *deceased;* May L., June 27, 1844; Gilbert, August 31, 1846—both living in this township; Wellington, February 24, 1848, living in Riley township; Elias, September, 1850, *deceased;* Elva, September 21, 1852, lives in Liberty township; John, July 17, 1858; Acy, July 27, 1860; Hiram, June 5, 1862; Milton, May 13, 1864; Ida, August 12, 1867; Ada, May 6, 1869, *deceased.* He has served as township trustee four years. Occupation, farming. Address, Gilboa.

HENRY SITES—was born December 6, 1828, in Richland county. His parents were Robert and Sarah (Fiddler) Sites. His wife, whom he married September 21, 1854, was born in Licking county, October 31, 1826, was the daughter of Ezra H. and Rossalinda (Williams) Alward, who came here in 1852 from Licking county. They have had four children: Emma, born July 23, 1855, lives in Hancock county; Charles H., June 25, 1857, *died* November 10, 1857; Orall A., October 11, 1861, *died* January 13, 1865; and Mattie May, May 13, 1864, is at home. His brother-in-law, Alfred L. Alward, was in the one hundred day service, O. V. I., 1864–5, was captured and died from exposure in Andersonville prison. Business, farmer and stock dealer. Post-office, Leipsic.

CALVIN B. SHERRARD—son of Henry and Barbara (Radabaugh) Sherrard, was born in Falls township, Muskingum county, Ohio, September 12, 1825. He came with his parents to Putnam county in 1838, and was married May 1, 1853, to Nancy A., daughter of Samson and Jane (Shay) Warden. He was married the second time to Mrs. Jane E. Hier, daughter of Samuel Woodruff, September 25, 1879. His second wife was born in Ashland county, March 18, 1845, to whom he was married September 25, 1879. Nine children comprised his family: Leander F., now in California, born February 14, 1850; Barbara, born July 3, 1853; John Calvin, March 2, 1856; William H., November 3, 1858. *died* June 27, 1879; Peter A., born April 29, 1861; Lyman, March 6, 1862, died September, 1863; Isaac P., born October 7, 1866; Mary E., March 7, 1871; Joseph W., February 18, 1874. With the exception of the oldest in California, all the living children are at home. Mr. Sherrard was a member of Company A, Twenty-first O. V. I., and was in service three months. Occupation farmer. Post-office address, Leipsic.

WILLIAM R. SHERRARD—is the present superintendent of the Putnam county infirmary, with his post-office address at Gilboa. He was born February 2, 1824, in Muskingum county, Ohio, and is the son of Henry and Barbara (Radabaugh) Sherrard, who settled in Putnam county in 1838. He married Mary Jane, daughter of Charles and Mary Ann (Dyer) Caddy, in Gilboa, Ohio, August 19, 1850, his wife's parents having moved to the county two years before. Their family consists of eight children: Almeda, born March 16, 1852; Eva, June 16, 1854; Annie C. and Charles C. (twins), November 23, 1856; William Chester and Mary Hester (twins), September 9, 1858—the latter *died* January 5, 1870; Henry Bassett, born May 18, 1862; Everett, May 11, 1873. The second, third and fourth children reside in the township. Robert Caddy, brother of Mrs. Sherrard, was killed at Chickamauga, August 29, 1862, and her brother, Ancel B., died at Fort Donelson, March 3, 1862, of typhoid fever. Mr. Sherrard was elected land appraiser in 1870, has been a school director twenty-one years, township clerk about twelve years, and has been superintendent of the infirmary four years.

ALEXANDER STOUT—was born April 18, 1854, and is a son of Isaac and Wilhelmina (Armbrecht) Stout. His wife, Mattie, daughter of Allen C. and Jemima (Crawfis) Hall, was born in Putnam county, February 1, 1857. Her parents came to the county in 1831. She was married to Mr. S. in this county, January 25, 1877, and one son, Isaac A., born April 27, 1878, is the result of the union. He is a farmer and has been elected supervisor. Address, Gilboa, Ohio.

MRS. WILHELMINA STOUT—daughter of Hannah (Schimpf) Ambrecht, was born in Hanover, Germany, July 1, 1827, and married to William Brughman, in Germany, in 1843; five children were born to them: Amanda, March 4, 1844, resides in New York city; Hildagrath, September 10, 1846, in Montgomery, Alabama; Frances, July 6, 1848, in Sandusky county; Catharine, January 17, 1850, in Gilboa; George W., resides at Kiefersville, Ohio. Mr. Brughman died March 7, 1852. She again married, July, 1853, Isaac Stout, in Fremont, Ohio. He was born ————, ——, in ————, ————; three children was the result of this union: Alexander, born April 18, 1854; Anna C., November 28, 1856; and Traverse E., April 12, 1859; all reside in Blanchard township. Mr. Stout died in 1858. Occupation, farming. Post-office, Gilboa.

THOMAS J. STOVER—son of Michael and Phœbe (Dickey) Stover, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, April 16, 1827. October 30, 1853, in Coshocton county, he was married to Mary, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Reed) Severns. She was born February 22, 1829, in Beaver county, Pennsylvania. He settled down to the occupation of a farmer in this county in 1854, and they have four children: Phoebe Jane, born December 7, 1854; John Madison, June 27, 1856, now in Putnam county; Rebecca Ann, November 2, 1863; Mary Ida, January 8, 1865. He has held the office of school director of the township. Post-office, Ottawa.

JOHN WALDNER—was born in Basil, Switzerland, January 24, 1819, and settled in this county in 1866, from Fairfield county. His parents were John and Anna (Newcomb) Waldner. Business, carpet-weaver. Post-office, Gilboa.

SAMUEL P. WEAVER—farmer, with post-office address at Ottawa, was born near Lancaster, Ohio, January 20, 1820, and settled in this county in 1849. His parents were Jacob and Mary (Stuter) Weaver. His wife Savilla was a daughter of David and Barbara (Ruffner) Pence, and was also born near Lancaster, Ohio, November 3, 1822. They were married May 25, 1848, in Fairfield county, Ohio, and have had four children: David M., born January 9, 1851; Almira D., September 28, 1853; James M., April 17, 1859; and Anna M., August 18, 1865. He was auditor of Putnam county four years, from March, 1865, and represented the county in the Constitutional Convention of Ohio, in 1873–4. In the war of the Revolution his grandfather participated in the battles of Brandywine, Monmouth and Yorktown. The unhealthiness of Putnam county in 1851, on account of a lack of drainage was such that many left the county, and those who could not get away became heartily discouraged. In that year, with a few of his neighbors, Mr. Weaver petitioned the Court of Common Pleas, under an act of the Legislature of 1848, for the appointment of a Board of Commissioners of Sewers, and Peter Bowman, Daniel Robbins and Samuel P. Weaver were appointed said board. They went to work and located a number of ditches and in a few years there was a marked change in the health of the county. This success seemed to awaken an interest in draining that spread throughout Northwestern Ohio, causing the construction of many ditches, and opening to cultivation some of the finest bodies of land in Ohio.

EDWARD M. WILKINS—was born in 1858, in which year his parents, Albert and Harriet (Allison) Wilkins, settled in this county. He follows farming, and his post-office address is Gilboa.

GEORGE WINEMAN—His father of the same name, is a farmer and stock dealer. He was born in Wortemberg, Germany, July 16, 1839, and he settled in this county in 1867. His wife, Nancy, daughter of John J. and Harriet (McClish) Moffitt, was born November 24, 1845, in Hancock county, Ohio, and they were married in that county June 27, 1867. They have had seven children: William C., born April 27, 1868; John, May 6, 1870; Edith, December 12, 1871; Harry, July 21, 1873, *died* April 20, 1877; Frank, December 13, 1874; Carrie, January 6, 1876; Alice, October 1, 1879. Post-office, Gilboa.

MRS. MARGARET WYNKOOP—widow of Isaac Wynkoop, was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, January 23, 1819. Her parents were George and Sarah (Earnest) Snyder. Her husband followed the occupation of teacher and carpenter. He was also a native of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and was born in June, 1812. They were married in Stark county, Ohio, March 26, 1839, and settled in the county in 1845. They have had eleven children: Martha J., born December 23, 1839, lives in Van Buren township; William F., August 16, 1841, lives in Missouri; Artilissia V., December 12, 1842, lives in Van Buren township; Sarah E., August 12, 1844; Jerusha A., December 12, 1845, *deceased* July 12, 1861; John W., May 30, 1848, lives in Seneca county, Ohio; Mary M., July 18, 1850, lives in this county; I. Milton, March 30, 1853, resides in this county; Harley A., February 4, 1855, *died* August 23, 1855; Viola A., February 3, 1857; Charles J., December 24, 1858—both residing in this county. Her husband's father was in the Revolutionary war, and her husband served through the Mexican war as first lieutenant, captain and colonel. Address, Gilboa.

JOHN FRANKLIN YOUNG—son of William and Catharine E. (Shaeffer) Young, who settled in the county in 1847, was born in Blanchard township, Putnam county, Ohio, February 18, 1855. His profession is school teaching, and his address Ottawa.

WESLEY CLINTON YOUNG—is a farmer, with his post-office address at Ottawa. He is a son of William and Catharine E. (Shaeffer) Young, who settled in the county in 1847. He was born in Blanchard township, Putnam county, Ohio, June 8, 1853, and resides at the paternal homestead.

WILLIAM YOUNG—son of Joseph and Rebecca (Lisle) Young, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, August 25, 1820, and came to Putnam county in 1847. His wife, Catherine E., was born also in Fairfield county, March 12, 1821, and is the daughter of Jacob and Ellen (Connet) Shaeffer. They were married in Fairfield county, September 2, 1847, and the result of the union was six children: Elizabeth, born January 9, 1849, *died* in California, January 2, 1876; Ellen R., born October 10, 1851, resides in Gilboa; Wesley Clinton, June 8, 1853; John Franklin, February 18, 1855; Emma Jane, October 8, 1857, *deceased* March 4, 1862; Alverta, September 30, 1859. He has held the office of supervisor and school director of his township. Occupation, farmer. Address, Ottawa.

JENNINGS TOWNSHIP.

ROSWELL BABCOCK—son of Nathaniel and Rachel (Rodchers) Babcock, was born in 1808, in Pennsylvania, and settled in this county in 1855. He was married at Columbus, Ohio, in 1830. His wife, Jane, daughter of Benjamin and Eleanor (Condron) Hennley, was also born in Pennsylvania, in 1811. They had six children: Benjamin, born May 2, 1831; Ellen Jane, April 24, 1833; Jacob R., April 7, 1836—all residents of Putnam county; Ann Elvera, March 10, 1840, *died* January 3, 1850; Mary E., January 25, 1845, living in Putnam county; Wealtha, November 25, 1849, *died* October 26, 1879. His father, Nathaniel Babcock, served in the Revolutionary War, and two of his sons, Benjamin and Jacob, were in the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farmer. Post-office, Fort Jennings.

HENRY BERHEIDE—farmer, with post-office address at Fort Jennings, son of Edward and Gertrude (Heidkamp) Berheide, was born in 1830, in the German Empire. His wife was also born in the German Empire, in 1836, and is a daughter of Casper and Clara (Grohtendyk) Lippold. They were married at Fort Jennings, and nine children grace the family circle: John F., born March 19, 1856; Maria E., January 2, 1858; Anna E., May 24, 1860; Maria M., September 5, 1862; Anna C., December 20, 1864; Henry T., March 2, 1867; John G., September 21, 1869; Franz H., September 4, 1873; Anna M., June 3, 1876. He settled in the county in 1851, and since then has held several public offices in the county, serving at the present time as school director.

JOSEPH BERELSMAN—son of John F. and Maria J. (Burgeman) Berelsman, was born in the German Empire in 1839, and came with his parents to Putnam county in 1867. His wife, Mary C., daughter of John M. and Anna Mary (Finkenhœfer) Helman, was born in Putnam county in 1849. They were married at Delphos in 1868, and have two children, Mary A., born November 19, 1868, and John M., August 24, 1870. Occupation, farming. Post-office, Fort Jennings.

JOHN M. BERRYHILL—was born in Allen county, Ohio, in 1852. He came to Putnam county in 1855. His father, Madison Berryhill, died in 1853, and his mother, Sarah A. (Ross) Berryhill, died in 1858. He was twice married. His first wife, Persilla A., daughter of George and Mary (Sherrick) Nicklos, was born in Crawford county, Ohio, in 1854. Her parents came to this county in 1852. They were married in Putnam county in 1873. He and his second wife, Sophia Hunt, were married in Putnam county in 1874. She was born in Putnam county in 1854. Her parents, Thomas and Rebecca (Swallow) Hunt, came to the county in 1851. They have had two children: Olive M., born April 29, 1876, *died* July 19, 1877; William M., January 23, 1879. His second wife's grandfather was in the war of 1812, and both of his fathers-in-law, George Nicklos and Thomas Hunt, served in the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farmer. Post-office, Fort Jennings.

BARNEY CALVELAGE—son of George and Mary (Hakman) Calvelage, was born in Putnam county in 1854. His parents came to this county May 10, 1837. He was married at Detroit, in 1877, his wife being Catherina, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Bode) Calvelage; she was also born in Putnam county, in 1854. Her parents came to the county in 1837, and her father died November 1, 1855. One child, Mary, was born September 4, 1878. Occupation, farming. Address, Fort Jennings.

HENRY CALVELAGE—was born in Putnam county, in 1851. His parents, George and Mary (Hakman) Calvelage, came to the county May 10, 1837. His wife, Carolina, daughter of Sigmund and Mary (Discher) Rekart, was born in the county in 1852, her parents having settled here in 1835. They were married at Cleveland, Ohio, and have three children: Augustus, born March 3, 1875; Otto B., November 1, 1876; Joseph G., August 14, 1878. He is a farmer, with his post-office address at Fort Jennings.

J. G. FORD—son of Joseph and Phœbe (Kibbey) Ford, was born in Warren county, Ohio, in 1823, and removed with his parents to this county in 1834. He was married in Putnam county, in 1846, to Miranda, daughter of

Ezra and Julia A. (Lincoln) Hicks, who came into the county in 1835. She was born in Warren county, Ohio, in 1825. Seven children were born to them: Joseph, born January 6, 1847, now in Kansas; Ezra, March 9, 1849, now in Allen county, Ohio; Julia Ann Elizabeth, June 27, 1851, now in Putnam county; William, January 21, 1854, also in Putnam county; Francis Henry, April 4, 1856; Louis Alexander, January 12, 1858; John James, September 20, 1860, died October 11, 1862. In 1863, he married his second wife, Sarah A., born in Clark county, Ohio, in 1846, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Muma) Rohrer, who removed to this county in 1858. Eight children have sprung from the second marriage: Benjamin G., born August 12, 1864; Mary J., February 19, 1866; Amanda A., June 4, 1868; Ephraim, January 16, 1870, *died* March 4, 1870; Phœbe T., February 7, 1871; Richard, May 24, 1873; Miranda, April 28, 1875; Jonathan M., November 8, 1877. Mr. Ford has served as township trustee several terms, and also as school director. His grandfather, Richard Ford, was a soldier of the Revolution. He is a farmer, with his post-office address at Delphos, Ohio.

ISAAC FORNEY—farmer, with address at Fort Jennings, was born in 1832, in Mahoning county, Ohio, and is a son of Andrew and Margaret (Cohrt) Forney. His wife, Nancy, was born in Pennsylvania, in 1830, and is the daughter of Peter and Barbara (Lehman) Diller. They were married in 1851, in Allen county, Ohio, and have had ten children: Elizabeth, born June 17, 1852, *died* May 22, 1873; Barbara, March 6, 1854, *died* July 30, 1861; John, January 19, 1856, *died* July 28, 1861; Susannah, January 28, 1858, *died* July 23, 1872; Daniel, August 21, 1860; Catharine, November 14, 1862; Mary, December 2, 1864; Ruhama, March 10, 1867; Henry, September 29, 1869; Samuel, August 21, 1872. He settled in this county in 1852, and since that time has held the offices of supervisor and township trustee several terms.

JACOB GECKLE—son of Godfred and Elizabeth (Boregard) Geckle, was born in the German Empire in 1810, and came to this county in 1855. His wife, Maria Josephine, daughter of John and Catharine (Wolf) Stark, was also born in the German Empire in 1820. They were married in 1852, and six children have been born to them: John, residing in Putnam county; Joseph, *died* in 1872; Jacob, residing in Putnam county; Edward, resides in Delphos; Max Albert; Maria Josephine, *died* September 1, 1859. Occupation, farmer. Post-office, Fort Jennings.

BERNARD GROTE—was born in the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg, in the German Empire, in 1844, and with his parents, Ferdinand and Maria Katharina (Stellenpohl) Grote, settled in the county in 1873. He was married at Fort Jennings, in 1875, to Maria Katharina, daughter of Berhard Heinrich and Katharina Wilhelmina (Baugh) Lehmkuhle, born in Germany in 1856, her parents arriving here in 1851. Two children bless the union: Katharina Bernaderia Veronika, born July 10, 1876, and Bernard Heinrich Aloysius, August 6, 1878. His profession is school teaching. Address, Fort Jennings.

THADDEUS HARRIS—was born in Jennings Township, Putnam county, Ohio, in 1843. His parents, William H. and Margaret M. (Martin) Harris, came to the county in 1823. He was married in this county in 1876. His wife, Eliza, daughter of Aaron and Lavina Jane (Hoffman) Smith, was born in 1837, in Indiana. Her grandfather, Henry Hoffman, served in the Revolutionary war, and his grandfather in the war of 1812. Two of her cousins were killed in the war of the Rebellion. He is a farmer. Post-office, Fort Jennings.

JOHN G. HEITKAMP—son of Herman and Johanna (Bauman) Heitkamp, was born in Germany, and came to this county in 1856. In 1852, in Mercer county, Ohio, he married Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Meinero) Kleinhaus, born in Mercer county, 1833. Nine children make up the family: John J., born November 12, 1854, resides at Fort Jennings; Joseph G. and Anna Mary (twins), March 11, 1857, the former residing at Fort Jennings, the latter at Ottoville; Elizabeth, November 12, 1860; Henry B., November 12, 1863, resides at Delphos: Catherina, June 20, 1861; Minna, January 17, 1866; Magdalina, June 20, 1869; Johanna, June 17, 1871. Occupation, farmer. Address, Dog Creek.

FRANK HELMKAMP—who was born in the German Empire in 1810, settled in this county in 1835, and at that time there were but four white families living in the Jennings Township, although Indians were plenty, with whom, however, he lived very peaceably. His parents, Christopher and Margaret (Shimoler) Helmkamp, came to the county in 1831. In 1835 he was married in Cleveland, Ohio. His wife, Henrietta, was also born in the German Empire in 1803. She was the daughter of Gerhard and Elizabeth (Schmidt) Slueter. She died January 5, 1877, aged 75 years and 4 months. They have had five children: Bernhard, born October 10, 1837, *died* December 26, 1873; Bernhardina M., December 1, 1841, *died* February, 1866; Christopher H., January 25, 1842, resides in Putnam county; Anna M., October 20, 1843, living in Delphos, Ohio; Louis L., November 15, 1845, resides in Putnam county. Mr. H. was Supervisor in 1860, and follows farming. Address, Fort Jennings.

ROBERT JAMISON—was born in Ross county, Ohio, in 1825. His parents, Francis and Rachel (Wroten) Jamison, settled in the county in 1839; his father died December 25, 1855, and his mother, June, 1872. His wife, Alida H., daughter of Hermann and Magdalena (Smith) Meyer, was born in Holland, in 1833. Her parents came to this county in 1850, her father dying in 1871, and her mother in 1854. Mr. and Mrs. Jamison were married in Jennings township, in 1855, and now have a family of seven children: Magdalena, born July 29, 1856, resides in Putnam county; Rachel, July 17, 1857; Herman F., February 18, 1860; Hilletge, September 8, 1863; Sarah W., August 7, 1865; John F., May 31, 1871; Alida H., August 24, 1873. He has held the offices of supervisor, township trustee, and school director. Francis Jamison, his grandfather, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Occupation, farming. Address, Fort Jennings.

PETER KLINGMAN—son of George and Rebecca (Clark) Klingman, was born in Stark county, Ohio, in 1817. He and his parents came to the county in 1846. His father died August 3, of the same year. His first wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Ezra and Rachel (McFarland) Pruden. His second wife is Sarah Anna, daughter of Michael and Mary (Beamer) Yant. Her parents died in 1871 and 1873. Eight children were born to him: Rebecca Jane, October 9, 1849, resides in Putnam county; Albert, April 27, 1851, *died* September 12, 1852; William A., February 8, 1853, resides in Putnam county; Elizabeth, May 8, 1854; Maria L., February 24, 1856, *died* September 26, 1856; Peter, April 21, 1857, *died* July 27, 1870; Anna M., March 23, 1859; Mary E., December 2, 1863. He was a school director, six years. His grandfather, Joseph Clark, was a soldier seven years in the Revolutionary war, as was also his wife's grandfather, John Yant. His father, George Klingman, was in the war of 1812. Occupation, farmer. Post-office, Delphos, Ohio.

ADAM KROUSE—is a native of the German Empire, born in 1823. His parents, Henry and Elizabeth (Rader) Krouse, settled in Putnam county in 1842. He was married in this county, in 1851, to Catharine, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Davison) Guffy, who came to the county in 1831. She was born in Franklin county, Ohio, in 1832. They have had six children: Elizabeth, born December 20, 1852, *died* August 30, 1861; Isaac, June 4, 1856; George, October 30, 1860; Sarah Lida, October 13, 1862; Margaret Anna, April 23, 1866; Henry Adam, November 12, 1872. His father died May 6, 1866, aged 75 years, and his mother in March, 1867, at the age of 67. He was the first settler in his section of the county.

LOUIS VON LEHMDEN—was born in this county, in 1846, and was married in 1872 to Mary E. Gerker, who was also born in this county, in 1849. They have three children: Henry C., born July 8, 1874; Amelia E., November 11, 1876; William J., October, 1879. Occupation, farming. Post-office, Fort Jennings.

JOSEPH MEYER—was born in the German Empire in 1817, and settled in this county in 1836. His wife, Frederika, daughter of Frederick and Maria (Heschpler) Prankenhorn, was also born in the German Empire, in 1830. They were married in Allen county, in 1858. He served in the Mexican war. Occupation, farmer. Post-office, Delphos, Ohio.

MRS. REBECCA JANE MEYERS—widow of Harrison Meyers since October 22, 1878, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, in 1849. Her parents, Peter and Elizabeth (Pruden) Klingman, came to the county in 1850, and her mother died in 1860. Henry and Elizabeth (Ward) Meyers, her husband's parents, came to the county in 1833. Harrison Meyers was born in Allen county, Ohio, in 1840, and he and his wife were married in the same county in ——. There were seven children: Elizabeth Alice, born May 17, 1864, resides in Allen county; William F., April 5, 1866; Mary E., August 18, 1868; Sarah C., June 24, 1871; Ellen M., February 23, 1873; Charles W., March 26, 1876; Anna J., October 11, 1878. Her husband was school director three years, and followed farming. Address, Delphos, Ohio.

MRS. SARAH MYERS—daughter of Peter and Sarah (Von Alten) Heynsdyke, was born in Holland in 1812. She was first married in Holland, in 1839, to Daniel, son of William and Catharine (Lamar) Dieleman. He was also born in Holland, in 1808. They had seven children: William, born March 10, 1840, *deceased;* Sarah, August 6, 1842, *deceased;* William, June 15, 1844, *deceased;* Sarah, September 17, 1845, resides at Delphos, Ohio; William, September 1, 1847, resides at Delphos; Catherina, August 8, 1849, resides at Dayton, Ohio; Peter, September 22, 1851. Occupation, farming. Address, Delphos, Allen county, Ohio.

AMOS POINT—son of Aaron and Mary (Clawson) Point, was born in Allen county, Ohio, in 1844, and settled in this county in 1867, in which year he was married to Mary, daughter of William H. and Margaret M. (Martin) Harris. She was born in this county in 1849, her parents having settled in the county in 1823. Five children have been the fruits of this union, only two of whom are living: William H., November 9, 1868, *died* November 23, 1868; Alles A., July 1, 1870; James, July 13, 1872, *died* August 13, 1872; John W., January 9, 1875, *died* March 6, 1876; Amos F., May 21, 1877. He is constable at present, and served in the war of the Rebellion four years. His wife's grandfather was a soldier in the war of 1812. Occupation, farming. Address, Fort Jennings.

CHRISTIAN RAABE—merchant, at Fort Jennings, was born in the German Empire, July 28, 1831. His parents were Conrad and Eva Elizabeth (Stemlar) Raabe, who settled in Putnam in 1833, and died in 1851 and 1854 respectively. His wife, Arnolde, daughter of Cornelius and Arnolde (Haverhals) Kortier, was born in Holland, November 2, 1837. Her parents came to this county in 1848. He and his wife were married at Fort Jennings, November 19, 1856, and seven children have been added to the family circle: Christian F., born December 17, 1858; Arnold Henry, December 16, 1861; John Conrad, November 7, 1864; Charles Cornelius, August 18, 1868; Catharine Arnolde, November 27, 1872; Emilie Johanna, May 30, 1874, *died* October 30, 1875; Rudolph, June 6, 1877. He has served as township treasurer, seven years; justice of the peace, six years, coroner, four years, and assessor, from 1855 to 1857.

HENRY RAABE—was born in the German Empire, November 16, 1815, and with his parents, Conrad and Eva (Stemlar) Raabe, settled in the county in 1833. His father died in 1854 and his mother in 1851. His wife, Anna Catharina, was also born in the German Empire, September 29, 1818, her parents, Andreas and Elizabeth (Ide) Peter, coming to this county in 1837. They died in 1854 and 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Raabe were married in Putnam county, Ohio, November 5, 1837, and have had ten children: Christian, born November 28, 1838, *died* December 2, 1838; John C., February 9, 1841, *died* January 4, 1864; Catharina Elizabeth, February 6, 1844; Ackhard, December 12, 1845; Christian H., January 26, 1851—all residing in Putnam county; Anna Maria, March 20, 1849, *died* August 27, 1876; Lewis F., January 9, 1853, *died* August 21, 1854; Anna C. W., April 4, 1856; Henry K., January 15, 1858; Charles F., March 29, 1862. He is a farmer, with address at Delphos, Ohio; has been justice of the peace for three years, and has held several other public offices at various times. His wife's grandfather, Conrad Ide, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war from the beginning of hostilities to the close.

SIGMUND REKART—was born in the German Empire, in 1820, and removed with his parents, Joseph and Magdalena (Jagla) Rekart, to this county in 1835. His wife, Mary, daughter of John and Catharina (Stemlir) Discher, was also born in the German Empire in 1826, and removed with her parents to this county in 1833, her mother dying the same year at the age of 33. They were married in 1847, at Fort Jennings, and ten children have blessed the marriage vow: Julia, born February 8, 1848; Otto, June 26, 1850, *died* July 3, 1856; Caroline, January 21, 1852, resides in Putnam county; Adam, March 10, 1854; Jacob, May 26, 1855; Catharina, September 17, 1858; Rosa, April 18, 1861, *died* October 20, 1866; Eliza, December 2, 1863; Amelia, April 6, 1866; Otto, January 31, 1870. He was land appraiser in the county in 1854. Business, farming. Address, Fort Jennings.

MRS. ELIZABETH ROHRER—widow of Daniel Rohrer, is the daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Hans) Muma, and was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1827. Her husband, Daniel, was the son of Christian and Elizabeth (Hoffer) Rohrer, was born in Maryland, in 1822, and died November 19, 1866. They were married in Clark county, Ohio, in 1844, and came to this county in 1858, where he followed farming. Eleven children blessed the union: Mary E., born December 30, 1844; Sarah A., February 27, 1846—both residing in Putnam county; Jacob C. and John H. (twins), May 1, 1848; Daniel W., October 2, 1849; William J., January 8, 1851—both in Clark county; Franklin P., February 13, 1853, *died* September 12, 1874; Samuel, June 20, 1858; Susan C., March 3, 1861; Charles, April 25, 1863; Emma Jane, May 20, 1865, *died* August 11, 1879. Samuel Rohrer, brother of Daniel, was a soldier in the Mexican war. Post-office, Gomer, Allen county, Ohio.

JACOB SHERRICK—settled in this county in 1852, his parents, Joseph and Rebecca (Bibler) Sherrick, following in 1855. He was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1828. His wife, Maria, daughter of Joseph and Anna (Daily) Nicholes, was also born in Fairfield county, in 1833. They were married July 8, 1852, in Crawford county, Ohio. Her parents came to this county in 1863. They have had eight children: Rebecca Ann, born May 26, 1854, *died* October 30, 1878; Urbanus C., July 6, 1856, lives in Putnam county; Malissa J., August 19, 1858, *died* August 13, 1860; Joseph W., October 3, 1860; Louis, February 4, 1863; Laura, July 4, 1867; Jesse, March 22, 1870; Gilbert, July 14, 1874. Occupation, farming. Post-office, Fort Jennings.

ANTHONY VAUGHN—is a farmer and a native of Ireland, having settled in this county in 1852. His parents, Anthony and Margaret (Lawler) Vaughn, still reside in the Emerald Isle, as also does his wife's parents. He was married in Indiana, in 1854, to Ann, daughter of John and Mary (Carthy) Lam. Eight children have succeeded the union: Mary, residing in Putnam county; John, born January 25, 1856; Margaret, 1858; Joseph, 1860; Anna, *deceased;* Anthony, 1864; Elizabeth, 1869; Catharine, 1871. He is a farmer. Post-office, Kalida.

MONTEREY TOWNSHIP.

HENRY BECKMAN—son of H. W. and Catharine Beckman, was born in Putnam county in 1850, and married at Ottoville, May 21, 1877, Louise Rechart, daughter of Joseph and Catharine Rechart. Has one child, Catharine, born May 16, 1878. Business, hotel and saloon-keeper. Post-office, Dog Creek.

JOHN B. BONHOLTZER—was born in the German Empire and settled in this county in 1868. His parents were Baldaser and Catherina Bonholtzer. His wife, to whom he was married in Seneca county in 1849, was born also in Germany, in 1823. Her maiden name was Theresia Wahl, daughter of Philip and Susanna Wahl. They have a family of eight children: Joseph, born August 22, 1850, residing in Seneca county; Susanna, September 1, 1852, *died* in 1860; John, October 28, 1854, resides in Kosta, Gonda county, Iowa; George, January 20, 1857, at Decatur, Indiana; Nichlaus, March 16, 1859; Theresia, September 10, 1861; Catharina, February 10, 1864; Anna Margreta, July 22, 1866. The four last named are at home. Business, farming. Post-office, Hamer, Paulding county, Ohio.

JOHN HARPSTER—His parents, Anthony and Sophia Harpster, came into the county in 1833. John was born in Fairfield county in 1828, and settled here in 1852. Married in Allen county in 1849, Elizabeth McMillen, who was also born in Fairfield county in 1827, daughter of Samuel and Susan McMillan, who settled in this county in 1837. Their twelve children are as follows: Mary Elizabeth, born August 27, 1850, now in Van Wert county; George Washington, January 7, 1852, resides in this township; Susanna, February 23, 1855, *died* October 4, 1874; Sophia, February 8, 1857, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Sarah L., February 14, 1858, *died* January 5, 1878; Eliza Jane, February 5, 1860; Ida, April 18, 1862; Anthony, November 20, 1863, *died* April 4, 1864; John Wesley, February 9, 1865, *died* August 21, 1865; Eva, March 30, 1866; Netty, June 15, 1868; Della M., May 25, 1872. Mr. Harpster was trustee for four years in his township, and was supervisor in 1872. When he came here there were but eighteen voters in the township. His grandfather, Peter Harpster, was in the war of 1812. Business, farmer. Post-office, Dog Creek.

CHRISTOPHER HENKE—The subject of this sketch, son of Franklin Henry and Anna Mary Henke, was born in Germany, February 16, 1808; came to this county in 1868; was married in Cincinnati in 1839 to Mary Angel Aubke, daughter of John Frederick and Mary Gertrude Aubke. She was born in Germany June 10, 1851. Children: Barney, born March 25, 1846, resides at home; Frederick, September 1, 1850, *died* in 1851; Sophia, January 3, 1851, now at Glandorf; Henry, March 14, 1863, at home; Elizabeth, April 18, 1855, of Dayton; Christopher, December 6, 1856, *died* in 1870; Wilhelmina, September 30, 1861, now of Delphos. His son Barney has been supervisor for three years, and now owns and runs the canal-boat "Otto," carrying freight and passengers from Ottoville to Delphos and back twice a week. Business, farming. Post-office, Dog Creek.

AARON HUYSMAN—a farmer of this township, was born in Holland in 1838, and settled in this county in 1848. He was the son of Henry and Peter Nelly Huysman, who settled here in 1848. His wife, Mary (Vogt), to whom he was married at Delphos in 1872, was born in Switzerland in 1839, daughter of Jacob and Margaretta Vogt. Five children have been born to them, namely: Nelly, born December 4, 1866; William, September 28, 1872, *died* April 27, 1872; Margaretta, October 10, 1874; Eron, December 26, 1875; Mary, May 26, 1878. At the present writing he holds the office of supervisor. Mr. Huysman served as a private for three years in the war of the Rebellion, in the 118th Regiment, O. V. I. Post-office, Delphos, Allen county, Ohio.

WALTER HUYSMAN—son of Henry and Peter Nelly Huysman, who came to the county in 1848; was born in Holland July 6, 1842. Married Henrietta Blochbergr, daughter of Christian and Ernestine Blochbergr, in Van Wert county in 1865. His wife was born in Germany in 1849. Children: Diana, born August 21, 1868; Nelly, July 23, 1870; Caroline, January 11, 1873; Henry, December 14, 1875; Ida, April 9, 1877. He served as a private in the 118th Regiment, O. V. I., for three years during the late war. His father was the first settler in his section in 1848.

LAMPSON KIERNS—whose parents, John and Polly (Ellinwood) Kierns, came to this county in 1846, was born in Washington county, Ohio, November 29, 1821, and he settled here in 1849. He has been twice married. His first wife, Jane M., daughter of Mr. and Ada (Curtis) Robison, was born in Connecticut, August 25, 1827. They were married in Allen county in 1845, and she died in 1865, after having become the mother of six children: Emeline F., May 23, 1848, lives in Van Wert county; Benjamin F., December 29, 1849, lives in this county; John W., August 25, 1851, lives in Van Wert county; Susannah, September 6, 1857, lives in Van Wert county; Lampson, Jr., June 14, 1861; Lucinda, November 9, 1863, *still-born*. His second wife, Angelina, daughter of Chauncey A. and Anna Curtis, was born in Allen county, Ohio, July 30, 1837, and had one son, Robert A. Walls, born September 23, 1861, at the time she was married to Mr. Kierns, in Van Wert county, Ohio, May 31, 1869. By this marriage, two sons were born to them: Thomas N., born April 9, 1870, and Samuel H., October 24, 1874. His grandfather, Ellinwood, served in the war of the Revolution. His brother, Samuel H., served in the war of the Rebellion three years; his brother, William R., served two years, was taken sick and died in 1864. The father of Mr. Lampson Kierns, was the father of twenty-four children, and died at the age of 76. Occupation, farming. Address, Delphos, Allen county, Ohio.

WILLIAM KOSTER—settled in this county in 1862. He was the son of John Henry and Elizabeth Koster; was born in the German Empire March 25, 1828; was married in Germany in 1854. His wife was Anna Mary, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Bensman, who came here in 1852, and she was born in Germany in 1820. Their children are: Henry, born March 3, 1855, *died* March 21, 1877; Christian, June 21, 1857; Anna Mary, April 13, 1859. Occupation, farmer. Post-office, Dog Creek.

ANTONE MARTIN—a resident of this county only since 1877, was born at Keltenhousen, France, June 29, 1806. His parents, Matthias and Grace Martin, both died in France. He married in 1830, at his native place, Barbara Kramer, who was born at Keltenhousen, France, March 17, 1806, and died January 19, 1875. She was daughter of Adam and Barbara (Defenbrum) Kramer, who came to this country in 1840, and settled in Stark county in 1877. Their family consisted of nine children: Antonie, born February 10, 1833; Barbara, in 1834; Philip, 1836, now of Illinois; August, born in 1839, now at Canton, O.; Catharine, 1840, of Trumbull county; Caroline, 1842, *died* December 25, 1877; Mary, 1844, now of Mercer county, Pennsylvania; Sarah, born in 1846, *died* August 10, 1877; Robert, 1848, of Ashtabula, Ohio. His son August enlisted in the late war, at Massillon, Ohio, in the 13th O. V. I.; served during the Rebellion; was wounded at Lookout Mountain by a rebel lieutenant who was immediately shot by a Union soldier standing by the side of August.

JOHN D. MULLER—son of Peter and Barbara Muller, who died in 1855, was born in Germany, June 14, 1820, and settled in this county in 1863. His wife Johanna, daughter of Joseph Antony and Mary Ann Flatz, was born in Austria, June 24, 1828. They were married at Fremont, Ohio, in 1853. Their children are: John, born April 14, 1854; Johanna, February 25, 1857, now in Kansas; Mary Anna, February 9, 1860; Edward, October 13, 1862; George, December 12, 1865; Josephine, February 19, 1869; Joseph, November 8, 1871, *died* July 13, 1872; Catharine, August 14, 1873. Post-office, Dog Creek. Business, farmer.

GERHARD H. OTTE—is a native German, having been born in Hanover in 1833, and came to this county in 1850. He was son of Gerhard and Agnes Otte. His wife, Anna, daughter of Joseph and Anna Wurst, was born in Crawford county, Ohio, in 1842. They were married at Ottoville, in this county, in 1862. Children: Joseph G., born April 14, 1863; John P., born November 1, 1865, *died* March 22, 1866; Anna A., Aug. 6, 1866; Maria C., June 25, 1868; Gerhard H., October 8, 1870; Maria E., February 19, 1873; Louise M., August 19, 1875; Ferdinand M., November 19, 1877; Leo J. C., July 22, 1879. Business, farming, postmaster and notary public. Post-office, Dog Creek.

TREW B. PAYNE—a farmer of Monterey township, son of Rawlsville and Hopy Payne, was born in Lorain county, Ohio, in 1823. His wife Pammilla (Richmond), to whom he was married in her native county in 1847, was daughter of William and Rhoda Richmond, and was born in Lorain county, in 1826. Three children have been given them, namely: William R., born February 21, 1848; Susan B., November 31, 1850, *died* in 1851; Geneva J., April 14, 1856. The two living children are yet at home. Mr. Payne was elected constable in 1854, '55 and '56, and assessor in 1856. He served three years as private and corporal in the late war. Post-office, Dog Creek, Putnam county, Ohio.

LEO REKART—whose parents, William and Mary (Nierman), settled in the county in 1833, was born in the county in 1854; married, November 20, 1877, at Ottoville, Catharine Miller, who was born in Huron county, March 18, 1859, daughter of Peter F. and Mary (Switzer) Miller. They have one child, Mary L., born November 7, 1878. He has held the office of constable. Occupation, saddle and harness-making. Post-office, Dog Creek.

JOSEPH WILLIAM REKART—was born in Putnam county in 1851. His parents, William and Mary (Nierman) Rekart, came here in 1833. His wife, Josephine, daughter of Morand and Catharine (Wolfe) Sellet, was born in Germany in 1850, and they were married in Ottoville in 1874. Children: Charles John, born August 21, 1875; William Joseph, November 29, 1876; Anna Amelia, April 4, 1877; Mary Theresia, July 1, 1879. Business, farmer. Post-office, Dog Creek.

ADOLPH ROSE—whose parents' names were Matthias and Christina, was born in the German Empire in 1826; settled in this county in 1847; was married at Fort Jennings August 23, 1852, to Anna Mary Maszmann, who was born in Germany in 1827, daughter of Bernhard Henry and Mary Gertrude Maszmann. Seven children have been born to them, namely: Joseph Antony, born December 25, 1858; Anna Mary, December 2, 1860; Mary Catharina, November 5, 1863; Elizabeth, September 28, 1864; Diena Caturna, July 10, 1867; Anna Sophia, March 30, 1870; Joseph Adolph, January 8, 1874. Of these the second and third live at Fort Jennings; the others at home. Occupation, farmer and plasterer. Post-office, Dog Creek.

PAUL SCHNEEG—son of Paul and Margrata Schneeg, was born in Bavaria, October 17, 1835; settled in this county in 1872; married in Bavaria, November 23, 1863. His wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Conrad and Barbara Fnerst, was born in Bavaria, October 18, 1837. Their children are: Johannes, born October 19, 1864, lives at Fort Jennings; Anne Mary, August 14, 1866; William, November 26, 1867; Joseph, June 24, 1869; Barbara, September 23, 1870; Antony, July 31, 1874. Follows farming. Post-office, Dog Creek.

MATHIAS SCHULIEN—was born in Germany, February 6, 1842, and came with his parents, Mathias and Mary Schulien, to this county in 1858. He married, at Ottoville, in this county, October 2, 1866, Maria Theresia Sellet, born in France, June 16, 1845, daughter of Morand and Cathrina Sellet, who came to this county in 1861. Their four children are: Mary Therasia, born August 24, 1868, *died* September 4, 1868; Josephine, born September 23, 1871, *died* October 10, 1871; Matilda, February 13, 1873; Francis Joseph, December 5, 1875. Mathias Schulien served as township treasurer two years, from 1871 to 1873. He cleared off the timber where the town now stands; there were but three dwellings in the town when he came. Business, miller and grain dealer. Schulien and Wanenmacher are proprietors of Ottoville Mills, and dealers in grain, flour and feed. Post-office, Dog Creek.

GEORGE SKINNER—Physician and Surgeon, Ottoville, Ohio.

JACOB STAHL—son of John M. and Frederika Stahl, came into the county in 1869. He was born in Germany, May 13, 1841; was married in Dayton, Ohio, July 30, 1858, to Catherina Lautenshlager, who was born in Germany, January 30, 1830, and was daughter of Philip Jacob and Mary Santenshlager. They have eight children: John, born January 29, 1875; Mary Catherine, March 31, 1857, resides in Delphos; Jacob, December 30, 1858; Henry, September 7, 1860; Michael, July 18, 1862; August, August 31, 1864; Catharina, January 4, 1867; Elizabeth Frederika, August 4, 1869. For two years Mr. Stahl acted as supervisor, in 1876 and 1877. Business, farming. Post-office, Dog Creek.

JOSEPH VOGT—a farmer of this township, was the son of Johan Henry and Mary Elizabeth Vogt; was born in Germany, February 9, 1825; married in Germany in 1850, and settled in this county in 1872. His wife, Mary Elizabeth, was daughter to Johan Clements and Mary Elizabeth Kankel, and was born in the German Empire, April 10, 1825. Children: Herman Joseph, born September 20, 1851; Henry Joseph, February 1, 1854, lives in Chicago; Elizabeth, September 7, 1857; Mary Augusta, March 15, 1863; Mary Johanne, February 16, 1866. All but the one in Chicago remain at home. Post-office, Dog Creek.

JOSEPH WANENMACHER—was born in the German Empire in 1827 and settled here in 1851. His parents, John and Theresia, came into this county in 1852. He married, at Delphos, Ohio, April 17, 1854, Martha, daughter of Godfried and Catharine Stern, who came here in 1833. She was born at Fort Jennings, this county, in 1837, and died September 27, 1878. They have had nine children, namely: Mary, born September 18, 1854; John, February 15, 1857; Henry C., February 27, 1859; Ferdinand A., September 22, 1861; Godfried, February 23, 1864; Anna C., August 18, 1866; twins, Gerhart and Lina, born November 6, 1868; Lina *died* November 7, and Gerhart December 5, 1868; Chester, born November 24, 1875, *died* December 5, 1875. When Mr. Wanenmacher came here there were but twenty-six voters in the township. He has been township clerk six years, real estate assessor one term, and justice of the

peace twelve years. Occupation, farmer, merchant and justice of the peace. Post-office, Dog Creek.

PETER WANENMACHER—son of John and Theresia, was born in Germany, October 19, 1829; came to this county in 1852; and the same year married at Delphos, Agnes Neher, who was born in Germany, January 24, 1829, daughter of John Adam and Johanna Neher, who settled in this county in 1854. They had eleven children, namely: Wilhelmina, Charles J., Joseph, John A., William T., Theresia, Joseph, Peter, Johanna, Antone, Paul Francis. The first Joseph died May 24, 1859; all the others reside at Ottoville. Mr. Wanenmacher has held the offices of constable and assessor for ten years. Business, saw-milling and farming. Post-office, Dog Creek.

BENEDICT WANENMACHER—son of John and Theresia, was born in Germany, March 19, 1843, and came here in 1852. He married, at Ottoville, February 4, 1868, Regana Sellet, who was born in France, October 6, 1847, her parents, Morand and Catherine Sellet, coming to this county in 1861. Five children are the fruit of their union: Edward, born December 10, 1868; Mathias, October 22, 1871; Mary, May 19, 1874; Agnes, September 20, 1876, *died* the same day; Rosalia, September 14, 1878. Has been township clerk for five years. Occupation, miller and grain dealer. Post-office, Dog Creek.

CHARLES J. WANENMACHER—son of Peter and Agnes (Neher) Wanenmacher, was born in Germany, January 13, 1851, and settled in the county in 1852. His wife, Anna, whom he married at Ottoville, was daughter of George and Barbara (Flohr) Hipp, who came here in 1845. Their children are: Laura Anna, born April 14, 1870; Minnie Mary, February 2, 1873; Charles B., December 28, 1875; George P., April 5, 1877. Business, carpenter, builder and hotel proprietor. Post-office, Dog Creek.

CHARLES WANENMACHER—son of John and Theresia (Dieringer) Wanenmacher, was born at Rangendingen, in Hohenzollern, a Prussian province, January 7, 1837, and settled with his parents in this county, May 8, 1852. He married, at Ottoville, on July 9, 1860, Stephania Fournier, who was born at Wallebersingen, in France, July 15, 1840. She was daughter of Joseph C. Fournier and Maria Oberhouser, who came into the county in 1851. Ten children have been born to them: Joseph Conrad, born December 23, 1861; John Anthony, September 18, 1863; Marcus Peter, born February 22, 1866, *died* September 9, 1867; Ludwig Andrew, born November 10, 1867, *died* November 23, 1867; Francisco Charles, born April 20, 1869, *died* December 31, 1871; Jacob Ferdinand, February 21, 1871; Adolph Benedict, born February 10, 1873, *died* August 3, 1873; Stephen Peter, July 3, 1874; Alexander Ferdinand, May 30, 1876; Stephania Maria, October 19, 1878. Mr. Wanenmacher is an agent of machinery and farming implements. He has held several offices, holding for many years the offices of township clerk, assessor and constable; and since 1873 has been county commissioner. Post-office, Dog Creek.

MATHIAS WINKELMAN—who died August 9, 1876, was a native of Germany, and came to this county in 1860. He married, January 10, 18—, Theresia Buehler, also a native German, daughter of Rufus and Margareta Buehler. Children: Max, born February 8, 1857; Franz Mathias, June 30, 1861, now at Ottawa; Mary Catherina, June 6, 1863; Amalia, December 4, 1865; Johan Martin, March 26, 1867. Max Winkelman is a merchant and post-office clerk. Post-office, Dog Creek.

UNION TOWNSHIP.

SAMUEL D. AYRES—merchant, was born in Stark county, Ohio, May 3, 1834. His parents, William and Elizabeth (Simonton) Ayres, settled in this county in 1852, he coming with them. His father died May 25, 1866. He was married in this county March 28, 1858. His wife, Ann Amelia, daughter of Samuel and Margant (Hardin) Myers, was born in this county July 17, 1838. Her parents settled in the county in 1832. There have been seven children: Samuel N. and William D. (twins), born February 11, 1859—the last named *died* July 7, 1860; Jessie A., October 11, 1861; Florence M., May 14, 1864; John W., November 12, 1866, *died* April 24, 1872; George T., February 1, 1875; Lloyd C., January 23, 1879. He is justice of the peace at the present time, having filled the office for four years past. His grandfather, Thomas Simonton, served seven years in the war of the Revolution, under the immediate command of General Washington. His father, Wm. Ayres, served in the war of 1812 two years and a-half in the Second Regiment U. S. Heavy Artillery. Five of his brothers were in the service during the war of the Rebellion, as follows: Samuel D., first lieutenant Company I, Ninety-ninth O. V. I; Thomas C., lieutenant in Fifty-first O. V. I.; Matson E., corporal in One Hundred and First O. V. I.; Robert G., chaplain in Twelfth Illinois Cavalry; Harrison C., sergeant in Twelfth Ohio Cavalry. Matson E. died at Nashville, and Chaplain Robert G. died at his home in Illinois, while on furlough. Postoffice, Kalida.

LEONARD BEAR—son of Samuel and Mary A. (Pohlen) Bear, was born in Stark county, Ohio, in 1834, and removed with his parents to this county in 1839. His mother died in 1856, aged forty-one years. His wife, Barbara A., daughter of John and Catharine (Bear) Myers, was born in this county in 1836. They were married in Putnam in 1855, and have had six children: Lucinda A., born October 25, 1856, residence in this county; Noah, October 18, 1858, *died* January, 1859; Alvaro, October 14, 1859; John S., December 14, 1861; Susan M., January 6, 1863; Barbara E., May 11, 1865, *died* May 5, 1877. Mr. Bear says that when they first came to the county necessity compelled them to grind their corn on a hand-mill, to secure their meat in the forest, and to hunt and sell furs for life's necessaries. What a change between then and now! Occupation, farming. Address, Kalida.

BENJAMIN F. CLEVENGER—whose parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Gander) Clevenger, came to this county in 1830, was born June 11, 1839, and was married February 6, 1862. His wife, Catharine A., is a daughter of John and Magdalene (Sipes) Dutenhaver, and was born in Carroll county, Ohio, February 20, 1841. They have had six children: Mary A., born March 24, 1863, *died* February 18, 1865; Samuel B., February 10, 1865, *died* December 29, 1876; Ada L., October 9, 1867; John F., April 7, 1870; Sarah L., November 6, 1873; William I., April 7, 1878. He is a farmer, has filled the office of township trustee two years, and is now one of the recently elected land appraisers of the county. His father, Samuel Clevenger, was a pioneer of the county, and, with his four brothers, William, Jacob, Joseph and George, located, October 22, 1830, in the woods near Vaughnsville, Sugar Creek township. In 1832-33, they all settled in Union township, then a howling wilderness, and underwent all the hardships and privations incident to the settlement of a new country. His grandfather, Benjamin Clevenger, built the first grist mill in the county, in 1832, where Vaughnsville now stands. Address, Kalida.

LEVI CRAWFORD—son of Hugh and Nancy (Henderson) Crawford, whose parents settled in this county in 1837, was born January 14, 1845, and is a farmer, with postoffice address at Columbus Grove. His wife, Susan, daughter of Hugh and Sarah (Ewing) Strain, who came to the county in 1835, was born May 28, 1844. They were married at Ottawa, November 19, 1868, and have had five children: Erna, born August 16, 1869; Nancy A., October 15, 1870; infant daughter, February 27, 1872, *deceased;* Rosa Clyde, August 23, 1873; Harry E., January 5, 1876. His brother, Wm. H. Crawford, served in the war of the Rebellion, as a member of the Twenty-first Regiment O. V. I., for three months, and afterwards three years in the Ohio cavalry service. His brother, Alonzo, was also a member of the Twenty-first Regiment O. V. I., in the three months' service. The parents of both Mr. and Mrs. Crawford were among the early pioneers of the county.

WILLIAM DONNELL—was born in Tyrone, Ireland, September 24, 1823. His parents were Samuel and Mary (Calhoun) Donnell. He came to the county in 1839, and has followed farming. His wife, Susan, daughter of Jacob and Eliza (Rimer) Clevenger, who settled in the county in 1830, was born July 5, 1833. They were married November 17, 1871. By a former wife he had three daughters: Mary E., born June 2, 1858; Rebecca J., June 20, 1865; Matilda E., July 7, 1868. He served in the war of the Rebellion, in the Thirty-eighth O. V. I., one year, and in the Thirty-ninth O. V. I. one year, and was wounded by a shell at Bentonville, North Carolina. Address, Kalida.

JEREMIAH DOUGLASS—son of Eri and Elizabeth (Dominy) Douglass, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, and settled in this county in 1868, and is at present one of the trustees of this township. His wife, Mary A., was born in Madison county, Ohio, and is a daughter of Andrew and Irena (Beach) Sherwood. They were married in Madison county, Ohio, March 4, 1858, and two children have sprung from the union: Curry F., born July 14, 1859, and Rosa E., February 15, 1866. His grandfather, Jeremiah Dominy, participated in the war of the Revolution and that of 1812. Mr. Douglass was a member of the One Hundred and Thirty-third O. V. I. during the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming. Address, Kalida.

JOHN L. GEYER—was born at Kalida, December 6, 1854. His parents, Amos and Emogene (Wells) Geyer, settled in the county in 1838. He is at present a teacher in the public schools of Kalida, and has been engaged in teaching in the county for the past eight years. He is one of the founders of the Normal School of Kalida. He and Mary E. Hicks were married at Kalida, October 14, 1874, and have one daughter, Mary Olive, born December 5, 1875. His wife, daughter of John L. and Margaret (Carey) Hicks, was born at Kalida, October 15, 1856. They settled in the county in 1836. His brother, O. W. Geyer, was a member of the Fifty-seventh Ohio Regiment during the war of the Rebellion. Address, Kalida.

JAMES D. HUDDLE—whose postoffice address is at Kalida, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, and is a son of Noah and Mary (Seitz) Huddle, who settled in the county in 1860. Although Mr. Huddle is quite a young man, he is earnestly engaged in collecting a cabinet of geological specimens and archæological remains, and has already quite an extensive collection of rare curiosities. His grandfather, Daniel Seitz, was in the military service during the war of 1812, and his uncle, Noah Seitz, died while in the service during the war of the Rebellion.

JACOB KESSLER—son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Rohrer) Kessler, was born in Bishweiler, France, July, 1824, and settled in this county in 1859. His nephew, Joseph Kessler, was in the war of the Rebellion one year, and is now deceased. Mr. Kessler has been a sailor on the northern lakes for twenty years, and has led a life full of peril. He has sailed on a number of vessels, and was shipwrecked twice, escaping once on the ice, and another time in an open boat. He is now engaged in farming. Address, Kalida.

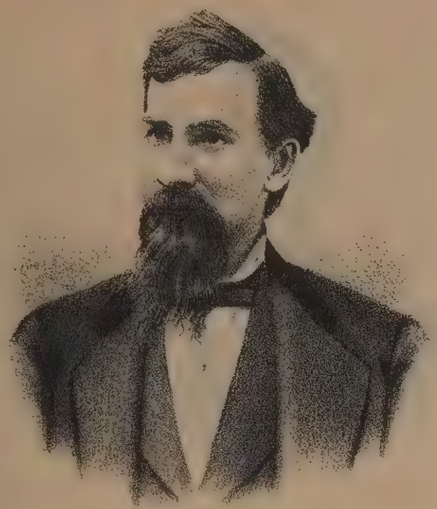
HARRISON G. LEE—druggist, was born in New York July 15, 1816. He accompanied his parents, Moses and Deborah (Parker) Lee, from Coshocton county, Ohio, to this county in 1834. They arrived at Kalida June 23, and were among the pioneer settlers of Union township. He felled the first tree to build his father's cabin, which was the first log house built at Kalida, and they endured all the hardships and privations incident to the early settlers of the county. His father died August 11, 1874. His wife, Rhoda Israel, whom he married at Piqua, Ohio, in 1847, was born in Guernsey county, Ohio. They have one son, Frank G., born June 26, 1848. He has been treasurer of the township six years. His father served in the war of 1812. Address, Kalida, Ohio.

JAMES M. LEE—son of Moses and Rhoda (Branch) Lee, was born in the State of New York, February 26, 1814. He removed with his parents to this county in 1834. His father died August 11, 1874. His wife, Rebecca A., daughter of James B. and Elizabeth (Ringgold) Pratt, was born February 1, 1819, in Maryland. They were married in Piqua, Ohio, September 1, 1836. They have two sons: Charles P., born July 6, 1837, and Levi G., March 24, 1840. He has served as justice of the peace ten years in Kalida. His father, Moses Lee, was a soldier in the war of 1812. Both of his sons, Charles and Levi, were members of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Ohio Regiment in the war of the Rebellion. Charles was wounded by a shell in battle at Mossy Creek, Tennessee, and Levi participated in the siege of Atlanta. Occupation, farmer. Postoffice, Kalida.

W. JOSEPH LEHMKUHLE—whose parents, John B. and Anna K. (Schnipke) Lehmkuhle, came to this county in 1834, was born in Glandorf December 2, 1839. His wife, Elizabeth, whose parents, John H. and Johanna C. (Riemann) Giesken, came here in 1838, was born in Greensburg township June 22, 1842. They were married at Glandorf October 1, 1862. Seven children complete the family circle: Mary K., born October 11, 1864; Clementine E., October 27, 1866; Katrina E., January 26, 1869; Clara K., May 14, 1871; Phelamina, November 14, 1873; Theresa, December 24, 1875; Frank B., December 25, 1877. His father, John B. Lehmkuhle, has held the office of county auditor from 1873 to 1877, and his brother, Louis, was elected auditor in 1877, and is the present incumbent. Occupation, farmer and school teacher. Address, Glandorf.

ISAAC McCRACKEN—whose parents were William and Lydia (Steele) McCracken, was born July 22, 1799, in Juniata county, Pennsylvania. He settled in this county in 1834, when it was a dense wilderness, and has endured all the trials and vicissitudes of the early pioneers. He was married December 24, 1839, in Ottawa. His wife, Priscilla (now deceased), daughter of Hugh and Martha (Sutton) Compton, was born March 23, 1809, in New York. They have had five children, only two of whom are living: Harrison, born November, 18—, now living in Portage county, Ohio; Sarah A., July 7, 1842, *dead;* Lydia M., July 17, 1845, *dead;* Lucinda J., March 10, 1847, *dead;* Nancy, October 14, 1851. He was commissioner of the county six years, and associate judge seven years. His father, Wm. McCracken, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war throughout, and was in the battles of Trenton, Princeton, and many others. Occupation, farming. Address, Kalida.

SAMUEL MELVIN—son of William and Mary A. (Stevens) Melvin, was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, July 11, 1824, and settled in this county in 1853. He and Ann A., daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Rigg) Harper, were married December 4, 1846, in Philadelphia. She was also born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, February 14, 1825. They have had eight children: Maggie A., Alexander H., Taylor J., Ettie, Florence, Elmer, George B., and Ernest E. Besides farming, he has been United States mail carrier from Kalida to Ottawa for twelve years. His father, William Melvin, and three of his brothers have been in military service. Address, Kalida.



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MRS. SUSANNAH RIDINGER—widow of the late Adam Ridinger, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1815, and is a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Miller) Moneysmith, who settled in the county in 1836. Her husband, son of Michael and Mary (Rupert) Ridinger, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, December 24, 1811, and settled in this county in 1837, following the occupation of farming. They were married in Medina county, Ohio, September 2, 1834, and have had eleven children, seven of whom are living: Jonas M., born May 9, 1836; Lucy A., January 28, 1838, resides near Columbus Grove; Josiah, May 15, 1840; Sarah J., July 13, 1842, *died* February 20, 1861; Andrew J., March 9, 1844, *dead;* Stephen A., January 25, 1847, *dead;* Clarinda, October 30, 1848; Mary E., June 12, 1851, living at Vaughnsville; Lydia, January 26, 1854; Calista, May 12, 1857. Her husband was trustee of the township two years. Her grandfather, Henry Moneysmith, served during the war of the Revolution. Josiah Ridinger, her son, was a member of the Fifty-seventh O. V. I. one year. Her son, Andrew J., died at Camp Chase, Ohio, member of Eighty-eighth O, V. I. Address, Kalida.

MRS. JABEZ S. SPENCER—daughter of Joshua and Deborah (Cauplan) Parker, was born in Knox county, Ohio, April 19, 1818. She was married at Kalida, this county, October 26, 1837. Her husband was born at Bolton, Connecticut, May 5, 1806, and was the son of Jabez S. and Charlotte Spencer. He died July 23, 1853, at the age of 47, having been a resident of the county from 1834. They had seven children, of whom three are living. Their names are as follows: Selden M., *dead;* Lorenzo, *dead;* Charlotte D., Ralph G., Putnam, Jabez, *dead;* Alvina A., *dead.* Her father, Joshua Parker, served in the war of 1812. Business, farming. Address, Kalida, Ohio.

REV. JAMES LYNN SCOTT—minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, was born in Warren county, October 8, 1846, son of Richard and Margaret Lynn Scott, who settled in this county September 10, 1859. He married, November 15, 1877, Dorinda Beardsley, born in this county, May 28, 1848, daughter of Alfred and Margaret Simpson Beardsley. Their child, Margaret Josephine, was born June 2, 1879. Mr. Scott worked with his father on a farm until in 1868, when he taught school four months, then went on the farm again until the fall of 1869, when he entered college and graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University in June, 1874. In July of 1874 he was licensed a local preacher, and in September of the same year entered the Central Ohio Conference, and was appointed to Gibsonburg circuit. He has since served at Deshler two years, Wapakoneta two years, and in 1879 was appointed to West Unity.

GEORGE SKINNER—engineeer and surveyor, son of George and Elizabeth (Cooper) Skinner, was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, June 8, 1816. His father died in Pennsylvania, June 1, 1816. He settled in this county in 1839. His mother came to the county in 1848, and died the same year. His wife, Margaret A., daughter of James and Sinai (Ball) Thrift, was born in Fairfax county, Virginia, August 17, 1829. They were married at Kalida August 17,—there are nine children: Elizabeth, born April 30, 1844, Van Wert, Ohio; Chester, August 6, 1849, *died* December 5, 1876; Rose, September 6, 1851, Lima, Ohio; George, July 9, 1854, Ottoville, Ohio; Cora, August 9, 1857, Kalida, Ohio; Maggie, July 26, 1860; Albert, June 15, 1863; Archie, November 6, 1866; James, February 20, 1870. When but sixteen years of age his father entered the American army, in the Revolutionary war, and served three years. He was in the battle of Cowpens in 1781, and captured a musket from the British, which is an heirloom in the family, and was all the pay he ever received for his service on account of his youth. Post-office, Kalida.

DAVID SROUFE—whose parents were Sebastian and Agnes (Owens) Sroufe, was born in Kentucky in 1784; was married in Greene county, Ohio, in 1810; settled in Putnam county, near Kalida, in 1831, devoted himself to farming, and died January 15, 1852, aged sixty-eight years four months and nine days. His wife, Rebecca, daughter of Abraham and Mary (Adgcomb) Townsend, was born in Maine, in 1778, and died August 7, 1879, at the advanced age of one hundred years, ten months and seven days. Eight children were born to this venerable couple, five of whom are still living: Harvy, born October 26, 1811, at the homestead; George, January, 1813, resides in this county; Matilda, March 11, 1815, *deceased;* Lavina, June 30, 1817, resides in Kansas; Merella, December 22, 1820, *died* in 1837; John, 1823, *deceased;* Mary, August 25, 1825, resides in this county; Hannah, February 15, 1828, at the homestead. His father served in the Revolutionary war from the beginning to the close, and he served in the war of 1812.

DANIEL W. SEITZ—school teacher, is a son of David and Lydia (Hufford) Seitz, and was born in this county September 16, 1850. He is a graduate of the commercial department of the National Normal College of Lebanon, Ohio. He and Florence, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Dinsmore) Crawford, whose birthplace is Cincinnati, were married in this county October 15, 1874. His grandfather, Daniel Seitz, was in the war of 1812. Post-office address, Kalida.

JOHN SEITZ—engaged in farming and stock raising, is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Hite) Seitz, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, April 19, 1827. His wife, Sarah, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Gander) Clevenger, was born in this county April 8, 1835. Her parents came to the county in 1830. They were married in this county February 3, 1853, and have had three children: Susannah, born December 29, 1854, residing in this county; Albert, April 14, 1857; Samuel D., November 2, 1864, *deceased.* His father, Daniel Seitz, was in the war of 1812, and his brother, Noah Seitz, died in service in the war of the Rebellion. He has served as township trustee three years. Address, Kalida.

SAMUEL SEITZ—son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Hite) Seitz, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, December 14, 1831, and came to this county in 1847, since which he has filled the office of justice of the peace six years and also that of township assessor. Mary Clevenger, born in this county December 6, 1832, was united in marriage with him November 14, 1850, and four children have been born: Chloe, August 27, 1857, resides in Kalida; Belle, January 22, 1861; J. Edson, June 19, 1866; Nancy, August 18, 1870. Her parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Gander) Clevenger, settled in this county in 1830. His brother, Noah Seitz, died in Kentucky, in the service of the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming. Address, Kalida.

HARRY K. TINGLE—son of Joseph and Anna S. (Cunningham) Tingle, was born at Kalida, August 17, 1850. His parents had settled in the county in 1845. His wife, Lavina K. Vail, was born in Kalida, November 30, 1853, and they were married at Kalida January 23, 1872. Her parents, James H. and Catharine (Byall) Vail, came to the county in 1841. One child, Clarus L., born July 27, 1878, blesses the union. He has been postmaster at Kalida since June, 1877. His father was quartermaster of the Ninety-ninth Regiment O. V. I. for three years, and his brother, Wm. C. Tingle, was a member of the Eighty-eighth Regiment O. V. I., serving three years. Business, dealer in stoves and tinware. Address, Kalida.

ISAAC VAIL—was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, May 19, 1809, and settled in this county in 1851. His parents were Jonathan and Mary (Sells) Vail. His wife, Julia A., daughter of William and Ann (Rose) Richards, was born in Old Bedford, Pennsylvania. They were married October 6, 1831, in Coshocton county, Ohio, and have had ten children, of whom six are living: Mary Ann, born in 1832, resides in Illinois; Celina, May, 1834, *deceased;* Jane A., October 1836, at Findlay, Ohio; Ellen, 1839, at Linden, Kansas; William W., 1841, at Kalida; Richard B., March 16, 1849, Ohio; Jonathan, Emily, and Grace, *dead;* James H., January 25, 1855. He has been infirmary director of the county six years. His grandfather, John Vail, served in the war of the Revolution. Occupation, tanner. Post-office, Kalida.

JAMES H. VAIL—son of Jonathan and Mary (Sills) Vail, was born October 10, 1813, in Coshocton county, Ohio, and settled in this county in 1841. His wife, Catharine A., daughter of John and Elizabeth (Neustter) Byall, was born October 20, 1818, in Stark county, Ohio, and they were married in Hancock county, Ohio, November 28, 1843. Two children have been born to them: Jonathan B., August 24, 1845, now in Lima, Ohio, and Lavonia K., November 30, 1853, residing in Kalida. He has been sheriff of the county three terms, and served as postmaster at Kalida two years. His grandfather, John Vail, was a soldier of the war of 1812, and was a pioneer settler of Richland county, Ohio. His second wife was the widow of Joseph Copus, who was killed on the Black Fork, Michigan, by the Indians, in what is known in history as the Seymour and Copus massacre. His son, Jonathan B. Vail, went into the commissary department at Chattanooga, Tennessee, at the age of seventeen, and continued in it two years. Occupation, farming. Address, Kalida.

FREEMAN S. WILLIAMS—physician and surgeon of Kalida, son of Swain O. and Mary M. (Doud) Williams, was born in Lenoxville, Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, September 13, 1847. He graduated in medicine at the University of Michigan in 1875, and settled in this county the same year. June 6, 1876, he and Norah I. Parker were married at Ottawa, and two children bless the union: Grace, born February 28, 1878, and Gaylord, September 9, 1879. His wife's parents, Lorenzo D. and Louisa M. (Crowel) Parker, settled in the county in 1838, and she was born at Kalida November 22, 1850. Enos Williams, his great grandfather, served in the Revolution during the war. His grandfather, Gershom Williams, was in the war of 1812 one year. A brother, Demas Williams, was a member of the Ninety-ninth Ohio Regiment in the war of the Rebellion, and died in the service. Address, Kalida.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP.

JOHN L. ALLEN—son of Moses H. and Elisabeth McCullough Allen, who settled here in 1836, was born in Tuscarawas county July 4, 1832; his wife, Jane, daughter of William and Louisa (Ryan) Young, was born in Jefferson county November 30, 1832. They were married in Jefferson county, May 31, 1851, and have had ten children, namely: John W., born May 31, 18 , *died* June 3, 1857; James M., April 12, 1853; Elisabeth E., June 5, 1858; William F., January 15, 1860, *died* March 30, 1861; Alexander M., August 3, 1862; Roxanna, September 27, 1864; Nettie J., November 14, 1865; Mary A., September 26, 1869; Maud, born March 28, 1872, *died* August 1, 1872; Olive A., born June 19, 1875, *died* September 23, 1875. Mr. Allen held the office of trustee in Pleasant township one year. Business, general agency. Post-office, Columbus Grove.

NATHANIEL H. BAGLEY—born in Orange county, Vermont, May 15, 1810, came into this county in September, 1834. His parents, Samuel and Hannah Humphrey Bagley, lived and died in Vermont. In 1849 Mr. Bagley left his family, consisting of his first wife, Jane R. Rice Bagley, daughter Hannah, and two sons, Samuel H. and William W., and went to California by the overland route. He there spent his time in mining, with some success, saw the elephant, and returned home in 1850. He was married the second time, September 23, 1852, in Riley township, to Elisabeth Stewart, born in Licking county, August 8, 1828, daughter of Robert and Agnes Siler Stewart. Five children are the fruit of this marriage: Robert N., born August 29, 1853, now in Wisconsin; Jennie E., May 19, 1855; Emma, March 20, 1861; Major, March 8, 1863; Lewis S., March 2, 1868. Mr. Bagley has held the office of justice of the peace for two terms in Riley township. His grandfather was in the Revolutionary war, and in the battle of Bunker Hill, was one of the gunners in the siege of Yorktown at John Burgoyne's surrender, was wounded, discharged and drew a pension for life of $96 a year. Samuel Bagley was a volunteer in the war of 1812, and was in the battle of Plattsburg, when old General Provost got too far from Canada. The business of Mr. N. H. Bagley is farming. Post-office, Columbus Grove.

LEWIS F. BARNUM—and his wife, Sarah E. Kidd, were born in Putnam county, the former April 4, 1849, the latter March 4, 1853. They were married June 15, 1871, and have two children: Fannie, born March 13, 1873, and Alta, February 11, 1875. Mr. Barnum's parents, Thomas B. and Mary E. (Sigafoose) Barnum, came into the county in 1846. Mrs. Barnum's parents, Ezra and Julia Ann (Hooper) Kidd, settled here in 1846. Grandfather Barnum served in the Revolutionary war. Business, farming. Post-office, Columbus Grove.

EDWARD H. BARNETT—son of Richard Barnett and Sarah Hamilton, was born in Perry county, June 30, 1834, and came to this county in 1872. He married in Franklin county, March 28, 1858, Sarah A. Boswell, born in Montgomery county, Maryland, December 23, 1835, daughter of Henry Boswell and Johanna Henry, who settled here in 1868. Children: James H., born December 23, 1859; Sarah A., July 16, 1861; Mary E., July 22, 1865; Rachel M., July 6, 1869; Charles R., March 17, 1872. He had three brothers in the war of the Rebellion, Isaac, James, and William, and they were in the party that captured Morgan. Business, farming. Post-office, Columbus Grove.

CHRISTIAN BASINGER—was born in this county, March 12, 1846, son of John D. and Elisabeth (Musser) Basinger, who came here in 18 5. His first wife was Ragane Lugabill, daughter of David and Catharine Lugabill, who came into the county in 1834. The second marriage was June 19, 1873, to Barbara Bucher, daughter of Christian Bucher and Anna Amstutz, who settled in Putnam county in 1832. Children: William, born March 9, 1868; Levi, born March 29, 1870; Susanna, May 29, 1874; Mary, July 24, 1876. Post-office, Columbus Grove. Business, farmer and stock dealer.

CALVIN W. BEARDSLEY—mayor of Columbus Grove, and notary public by profession, son of Barney and Mary Beardsley, was born in Licking county, Ohio, in 1828, and settled in this county in 1874. Has been twice married. His first wife, Elisabeth Wilch, daughter of Michael and Elisabeth Wilch, was born in Richland county. The second wife, Emma Delia, daughter of John McHenry, was born in this county. The first marriage took place at Canonsburg, Hancock county, Ohio, October 22, 1851, and the second at Columbus Grove, January 26, 1875. Children: Amanda M., Isadore M., Alice Augusta, Charles W., Monterville, and Maud Leslie. Mr. Beardsley was formerly mayor of Bluffton, Indiana. He served three years as a private soldier in the infantry during the Rebellion, was in fourteen battles, and in the battle of Chickamauga was among the last men off the field. Was in the Fourteenth army corps, commanded by Major-Gen. Thomas.

ALFRED BEARDSLEY—was born in Delaware county, New York, April 8, 1805, and settled here in 1840. His parents were Daniel and Hannah

(Bailey) Beardsley. His mother came to Putnam county in 1854. His wife was Margaret, daughter of William and Luraney (Moore) Simpson, and she was born in Muskingum county, February 4, 1817, and died May 22, 1878. They were married in Muskingum county, March 22, 1835, and had four children: Luraney, born August 11, 1839; Cyrus A., born March 9, 1842, *died* February 28, 1849; Hannah A., January 17, 1845; Dorinda, May 28, 1848. His brother, Barney, served in the war of 1812. Business, farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

JOSEPH BILLHIMER—The subject of this sketch died November 8, 1874. He was the son of Jacob Billhimer and Barbara Moneysmith, with whom he came into this county in 1841; was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, October 5, 18 , married here, December 24, 1857, Lou Beardsley, daughter of Alfred and Margaret Simpson Beardsley, who settled here in 1849. Mrs. Billhimer was born in Licking county, August 11, 1839. Their six children are: Margaret A., born October 29, 1858; Cyrus A., August 11, 1861; Nellie, June 7, 1863; Anna, March 23, 1865; Dora B., August 9, 1867; Alfred B., February 22, 1872. Mr. Billhimer was a farmer. Postoffice address of Mrs. Billhimer, Columbus Grove.

JAMES BELFORD—lumber dealer and proprietor of saw mill, was born and married, as was also his wife, in Putnam county. Born May 8, 1837, son of Joseph Belford and Eleanor Geyer, who came here in 1835. Married, October 6, 1864, Elisabeth Elwell, born in April, 1840, daughter of John and Nancy Smith Elwell. Their children, all at home, are: Clara A., born December 15, 1865; Anna C., November 2, 1869; Nellie, February 10, 1871; James H., February 23, 1873. Mr. Belford held the office of clerk in Pleasant township seven years; has also been corporation clerk and councilman; is now justice of the peace. His great grandfather and brother, Belford, served in the Revolutionary war. Two of his brothers were in the late war of Rebellion; William, in the Fourteenth O. V. I., served two years and was killed at Chickamauga; Benjamin served two years in the Eighty-eighth O. V. I. Mr. Belford's residence and postoffice is Columbus Grove.

JOSEPH BOWMAN—Proprietor of the Putnam House, at Columbus Grove, Ohio, came to Putnam county in the year 1849. He is a native of Virginia, born in Brock county of that State, June 23, 1813, and son of Henry Bowman and Phebe Rumage; was married in Tuscarawas county, O., to Clarissa Bigum, daughter of William Bigum and Catharine Covert, date and place of her birth being August 1, 1826, Huntingdon, Pa. The blessing of their union was twin children, Daniel B. and Sarah A., born January 25, 1845. John Bowman, grandfather of Joseph, served during the whole time of the Revolutionary war, and Daniel, son of Joseph Bowman, served in the late war in the Eighty-eighth Regiment, O. V. I.

HENRY BUCK—was born in this county July 21, 1839. His parents, Benjamin D. Buck and Almeda Conant, settled here in 1835. He married in this county, August 20, 1863, Susan Wagner, daughter of George W. and Elizabeth N. (Ginn) Wagner. Mrs. Buck died Janury 1, 1879. Their children are as follows: Ella F., born February 28, 1864; Laura B., October 4, 1865; Henry, May 22, 1867; Albert, June 3, 1872. Business, farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

SETH BUCK—son of Benjamin D. and Almeda C. Buck, was born in Medina county, September 5, 1825, and died November 22, 1875. His occupation was that of carpenter and farmer. His wife, Anna, daughter of William P. and Amay (McClane) Bowers, was born in Richland county, October 8, 1833. They were married in this county December 23, 1851. Children: Sylvester, born March 19, 1853; Mary E., February 17, 1855; Nancy A. January 4, 1857; Anna A., born September 23, 1859, *died* September 20, 1860; Alice M. June 6, 1861; Dora E., February 28, 1863; Emma A., March 2, 1866; Rosey A., July 29, 1868; Jessie, March 23, 1871; Johnnie, January 24, 1874. Mrs. Buck had two brothers in the late war: William H. H. Bowers, Company K, Fourteenth O. V. I., killed near Atlanta, Georgia; and Solomon S. Bowers was wounded and died at the battle of Lookout Mountain. Postoffice of Mrs. Buck, Columbus Grove.

BENJAMIN BUCK—a farmer of this township, settled here in 1835. He was born in Medina county March 16, 1830; son of Benjamin Dunton and Almeda (Conant) Buck. Married near Columbus Grove, November 4, 1855, Harriet A. Roberts, who was born in Richland county, October 25, 1836, being the daughter of Gershom and Catharine (Miller) Roberts, who came into Putnam county in 1851. Five children have been given them, namely: Sarah, born January 19, 1857, *died* the same day; Russell, born November 1, 1859, *died* July 18, 1861; Maria C., born March 31, 1863; Eva, October 22, 1866; Ethan, February 27, 1874. Mr. Buck went to school here when the log cabin in which the school was held was the only house where Columbus Grove now stands. His father's family shared the experiences of the first settlers in this new country. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

JAMES BUNN—son of Peter and Mary Bunn, was born in Ross county, in October, 1812, and came into Putnam county in 1834. He married, November 18, 18 , as his first wife, Rosanna Bushong, who was born in Ross county, November 16, 1810, and died August 29, 1863. Her parents, George and Lydia Rush Bushong, settled in this county in 1834. The children of this union were fourteen: William, born April 13, 1828; Henry, born August 16, 1830, and *died* May 10, 1832; John, born December 25, 1832, *died* in October, 1840; Mary, November 25, 1834; Lydia, October 21, 1836; Maria, born in September, 1838, *died* in October, 1840; George W., May 28, 1841; Thomas, June 17, 1843; Sarah, born December 21, 1845, *died* April 13, 1853; Drusilla, August 2 , 1843; James, born December 25, 1848, *died* August 13, 1861; Harmon, August 13, 1854; and twins, Jefferson and Louis, born March 3, 1857. The second marriage was at Lima, Ohio, December 23, 1873, to Catharine Fullerton. George Bushong, father of the first wife, served in the war of 1812, and is still living with James Bunn. Mr. Bunn's oldest brother, Harmon, was also a soldier in the war of 1812. He had three sons, William, George W., and Thomas, served in the war of the Rebellion. James Bunn was an early settler in this township. He had to depend chiefly on hunting for a living, and furs were all the available means of the settlers for getting money. Deer and all kinds of game were very abundant here at that time. Business, farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

ISAAC BOGART—was born in Northumberland county, Pa., November 13, 1827, and came to Putnam county in 1837 with his parents. Jacob and Mary (Hunter) Bogart. He married in this county March 25, 1852, Sarah J. Sanders, born in New York April 28, 1823, daughter of William W. and Rhoda (Drake) Sanders, who settled here in 1851. They have had five children: William J., born December 13, 1852, *died* November 9, 1853; Alice A., born May 9, 1854, *died* April 3, 1855; Albert J., January 3, 1856; Elwood S., March 23, 1857; Leonore J., born September 25, 1858, *died* July 30, 1859. Mrs. Bogart's father served in the war of 1812. Mr. Bogart was four years in the late war, in the Fourteenth O. V. I., and engaged in the battles of Wild Cat, Shiloh, Mill Springs, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Resacca, and Jonesboro. He stood under fire four months at Atlanta, and was wounded in the right leg at Jonesboro. He is now engaged in farming, with his address at Columbus Grove.

JOHN B. BOGART—son of William Bogart and Margaret Bras, was born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, April 12, 1806, and settled in Putnam county in 1833. His first marriage was in Franklin county, August 9, 1827, to Mary Featheringill, daughter of Thomas and Elisabeth S. Featheringill, and she was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, November 27, 1806, and died January 22, 1844. The following were the children by the first marriage: Elizabeth M., born May 13, 1828; Lucinda J., March 9, 1830; Sarah Ann, July 18, 1832; Hannah P., born December 11, 1834, *died* December 10, 1843; Harriet L., born February 9, 18 , *died* January 9, 1857; Martha M., January 8, 1839; John F., January 20, 1842. The second marriage was September 15, 1844, to Barbara Otto, born in Pennsylvania in 1822, daughter of Henry Otto and Rachel Powell. She died August 7, 1874. Children of the second marriage: William H., born August 17, 1845; David W., February 13, 1847; Elias A., October 27, 1848; Isaac W., March 27, 1850; Benjamin F., December 20, 1851; Mary E., April 10, 1855; Rachel E., December 20, 1856; George B. M., October 17, 1862; Eliza E. C., August 9, 1865. Mr. Bogart was married to his third and present wife in Shelby county, February 10, 1876; namely, Ellen Hood, born in Hocking county, July 16, 1852, daughter of George W. Hood and Lydia Cramer, who settled here in 1873. Mr. Bogart was one of the earliest settlers in the township, was the fourth voter in the township, and assisted in its organization. He has been a successful farmer and stock dealer, has provided liberally for each member of his family, and has an abundance left to support him in his declining years. He held the office of trustee in Pleasant township for seventeen years. Three of his sons, John F., David W., and Elias W., served each three years in the late war. His grandfather, on his mother's side, served in the Revolutionary war. The location and completion of the Dayton & Michigan Railroad through the county was largely due to his influence. He has been blind for the past four years, but appreciating the importance of the HISTORICAL ATLAS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, has subscribed and paid for fourteen copies, and presented one to each of his children—their personal histories following his in chronological order. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

ELIZABETH M. (Bogart) ROBERTS—daughter of John B. and Mary Bogart, was married in this county, August 15, 1848, to Washington Roberts, son of Sylvester Roberts and Mary Lewis, who came in 1845. He was born in Courtland county, New York, March 16, 1824. Children: Mary J., born September 13, 1849, *died* December 14, 1849; Barbara A., October 20, 1850, *died* January 20, 1853; John S., December 14, 1852, *died* May 14, 1853; Martha E., January 10, 1854, *died* August 24, 1855; Margaret L., February 10, 1856, *died* October 10, 1856; Adam and Addison (twins) May 15, 1857, the latter *deceased;* Sarah E., December 7, 1859, *died* August 27, 1861; Harriet E., February 22, 1863, *died* April 11, 1864; George B. M., September 12, 1865, *deceased.* Mr. Roberts is a farmer. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

LUCINDA J. (Bogart-Parrish) DEKEN—daughter of John B. and Mary Bogart, has been twice married—first in this county to Benjamin Parrish, April 1, 1849, son of John and Sarah Parrish, who settled in the county in 1835. He was born in Marion county, November 29, 1836. He was in the late war, and died May 4, 1865, at Newbern, North Carolina. Children: Sarah M., born January 13, 1850, *died* March 13, 1852; John F., August 6, 1851, *deceased;* Julia A., December 31, 1858; Barbara A., October 11, 1860; Margaret, February 16, 1862, *died* August 25, 1862. She married Arthur Deken April 2, 1868. He was born in the county, December 29, 1832. Business, farmer. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

SARAH A. (Bogart) HARBAUGH—daughter of John B. and Mary Bogart, married in this county Valentine Harbaugh, son of Thomas and Mary Harbaugh, who resides in Kansas. Is a farmer and stock-dealer.

ORSON BUCK—was born in this county July 18, 1836; son of Benjamin Denton and Almeda Conant Buck, who settled here in 1835. He married at Columbus Grove, October 18, 1857, Mary Melvina, also a native of this county, born June 8, 1839, daughter of John Bras Bogart and Martha Featheringill, who came here in 1833. Children: Winfield S., born September 18, 1858, *died* in July 17, 1863; Harrison Lincoln, born August 17, 1860; Dixy Diana, September 6, 1863; Barbara Almeda, September 1, 1865; Austin W., October 7, 1867, *died* October 7, 1867; Martha Ann, October 9, 1868, *died* April 14, 1869; John Valentine, February 21, 1870; Mary Lovina, July 17, 1873, *died* August 11, 1873; Orson Marshall, January 12, 1875, *died* August 4, 1878; Henry Franklin, January 2, 1878. Mr. Orson Buck served two years and six months in the late war of the Rebellion, in Company K, Fourteenth Regiment O. V. I. Occupation, farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

JOHN F. BOGART—son of John B. and Mary Bogart, married in this county, July 3, 1860, Alice, daughter of John Harris and Eliza Cole, born in Trumbull county, December 7, 1837. Children: Eliza E., born July 16, 1861; Edwin B., June 26, 1867; Maggie J., February 7, 1877. Agent for agricultural implements. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

WILLIAM H. BOGART—son of John B. and Barbara Bogart,

DAVID W. BOGART—son of John B. and Barbara Bogart, married in this county, July 4, 1867, Mary Vanmeter, born in the county, December 3, 1841, daughter of Elzy and Mary (Ramsey) Vanmeter. Children: Bertha, born February 3, 1872, *died* July 21st, 1873; Harry B. V., March 3, 1875, *died* September 12, 1875. Occupation; farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

ELIAS A. BOGART—son of John B. and Barbara Bogart

ISAAC W. BOGART—son of John B. and Barbara Bogart, married in this county, April 20, 1869, Jane, daughter of Elzy and Mary Vanmeter, born in the county, January 7, 1852. Six children have been born to them: John E., November 9, 1870; David F., July 6, 1871; Roena M., May 12, 1873; Harley L., March 24, 1875, *died* September 15, 1875; Mary B., March 1877; Olie M., March 30, 1879. Occupation, farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

BENJAMIN F. BOGART—son of John B. and Barbara Bogart, is now at Wichita, Kansas. Occupation, clerk.

MARY E. (Bogart) GARBER—daughter of John B. and Barbara Bogart, married in this county, November 22, 1877, J. F. Garber, born May 16, 1846, in Frederic county, Maryland, son of Jonathan and Lydia (Sayler) Garber. Their child, Orie Cecil, was born January 9, 1879. Occupation, farmer. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

RACHEL E. BOGART—daughter of John B. and Barbara Bogart,

GEORGE B. M. BOGART—son of John B. and Barbara Bogart, is now at home, having sown his wild oats in Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico during the past year. Occupation, farmer. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

ELIZA E. C. BOGART—daughter of John B. and Barbara Bogart, is a schoolgirl at home.

REV. JOHN BUSHONG—a minister of the gospel for thirty-nine years, was born in Ross county, and came to Putnam county with his parents, George and Lydia Rush Bushong, in September, 1834. His father is yet living, and draws a pension of $96 per year for service rendered in the war of 1812. Mrs. Bushong was Sarah Smith, born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Mary B. Smith, both deceased, who settled in Logan county in 1834. Mr. and Mrs. Bushong were married September 27, 1839, in Logan county, and have had six children: James S., born August 10, 1840, *died* October 1, 1841; Lewis H. H., born February 16, 1842; Mary M., December 7, 1844; Joseph Thomas, August 27, 1847, resides in Paulding county; Jasper Hazen, May 18, 1852; Isaac N., September 18, 1855. All of these not specified live at Columbus Grove. Mr. Bushong held the office of school director in Pleasant township for several years. His son, Joseph Thomas, went into military service in the late war of the Rebellion at the age of sixteen, and was in sixteen hard battles and several skirmishes. When Mr. Bushong settled in this county it was an unbroken forest. There were but few neighbors, and they had hard work and many hardships. They had to go to Mad River valley for sustenance. He has lived to see the swampy wilderness transformed into a rich and fertile country, with wealth and comfort on every hand. Mr. Bushong expresses the opinion that this ATLAS and HISTORY is *the best work of the kind he ever examined.*

JAMES BUSHONG—who settled in Putnam county, in 1834, with his parents, George and Lydia (Rush) Bushong, was born in Ross county April 15, 1818. He married here, September 18, 1839, Drusilla D. Stout, who was born in Champaign county, April 28, 1822, daughter of John and Mary (Hill) Stout, who came into the county in 1833. Children: Jefferson, born June 25, 1840; John F., February 6, 1842; Joseph H., June 23, 1844; Hiram K., February 9, 1843; Eliza J., October 23, 1849; Mary A., August 16, 1852; Emma Delia, November 18, 1857; James W., October 23, 1859; Hannibal F., October 10, 1862. His father, still living, was in the war of 1812. His son, Joseph, went into the last war in 1861, when only sixteen years old, and served to the close of the war, in Twenty-first O. V. I. Business farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

JOSEPH H. BUSHONG—farmer, postoffice Columbus Grove, was born in Putnam county, June 23, 1844, son of James and Drusilla Stout Bushong. His wife, Hannah A., to whom he was married in Hancock county, August 30, 1866, was daughter of Alfred and Margaret (Simpson) Beardsley, and she was born in this county January 17, 1845. Children: Emma J., born July 10, 1867; Herbert J. A., October 25, 1868; Margaret D., October 11, 1870; Joe Roy, February 25, 1874; Wilbert C., May 2, 1878. Mr. Bushong served four years in the war of the Rebellion, in Company D, Twenty-first O. V. I.; was in eleven battles and many skirmishes; was taken prisoner at Stone River and paroled on the field, and was a prisoner ten months.

ALMERAN S. BECKWITH—was born in Trumbull county, April 14, 1835, son of Orville and Mary Ann Stone Beckwith, and settled in this county in 1870. His wife was Lucy Ann Ridinger, daughter of Adam Ridinger and Susanna Moneysmith, who came here in 1837, and she was born January 20, 1838. They were married May 2, 1861. Children: Jonas Horatio, born August 23, 1863, and *died* January 3, 1864; Adam Orville, born December 10, 1864; Melville Leroy, July 13, 1867; Mary Susanna, September 4, 1870; Calista Inez, March 18, 1874; Alma Ethel, February 5, 1877. Business, farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

LYMAN WOOSTER BUTLER—settled in this county in 1863 in the unbroken forest, and by hard labor has a good improved farm. He was born at Atwater, Portage county, Ohio, February 13, 1834, son of Luther and Eliza (Jones) Butler. Married at Atwater, August 15, 1862, Nancy Lucinda Winder, born at Randolph, Portage county, Ohio, June 15, 1843, daughter of Joseph and Amy (Taylor) Winder. They have five children: Frank E., born May 8, 1863; Fred. L., November 5, 1865; Albert V., December 22, 1869; Grace L., August 25, 1873; Ernest M., December 21, 1877. His grandfather, David Butler, served in the war of 1812. Postoffice, Ottawa.

REV. JOHN COUP—son of Levi Coup and Marie M. Rhinehart, was born in Seneca county, July 13, 1842. He married in Marion county, May 5, 1867, Amanda Bever, who also was born in Seneca county, June 20, 1848, daughter of George and Sabina (Bretz) Bever. Six children are born to them: Albert A., born July 13, 1868; Mattie C., December 27, 1869; Virgil V., August 6, 1872; Emma F., January 6, 1874; Merrel L., September 16, 1875, and Maud E., August 14, 1877. Their grandfathers were in the war of 1812. He served in the war of the Rebellion one year—Company K, One Hundred and Sixty-fourth regiment O. V. I. Solomon Bever served in Company K, One Hundred and Twenty-third O. V. I., from 1861 to 1864. Occupation, minister. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

WILLIAM M. COOK—son of Stephen and Amanda Mitchell Cook, was born in Allen county, September 2, 1849, and came into this county in 1876. His wife, Mary S., daughter of John and Jane (Prouty) Trumbo, was born in Noble county, Ind., December 31, 1853, and they were married at her native place April 6, 1876. Their children are Effie J., born January 18, 1877, and Thurlow T., born November 25, 1878. Mr. Cook follows farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

DAVID CORE—son of Moses and Elizabeth (Piles) Core, was born, as was also his wife, in Monongalia county, West Virginia, May 9, 1840. He married, at their native place, February 28, 1862, Rebecca E. Layton, born February 13, 1844, daughter of Peter A. and Catharine (Liming) Layton. He came into Putnam county in 1866. His grandfather Core was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. His two brothers, John and Christopher, served each three years in the war of 1861-65. Mr. and Mrs. Core have eight children, namely: Olive, born November 21, 1862; George, June 19, 1864; Layton, April 3, 1867; Charles, February 28, 1869; Fannie, September 7, 1871; Harry, September 1, 1873; Gordon, September 18, 1875; Ida, August 18, 1877. Business, farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

ALONZO CRAWFORD—a butcher by trade, of Pleasant township, was born in Putnam county, Ohio, March 22, 1838; is son of Hugh Crawford and Nancy Henderson, who came to this county in 1835. His wife, a native of Warren county, was born July 19, 1838, and is daughter of Richard Scott and Margaret Linn, who came to this county in 1859. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford were married in Putnam county, October 24, 1861, and the result of their union was six daughters: Waif A., born May 13, 1863; Margaret E., January 3, 1865; Nancy A., December 8, 1867, *deceased;* Mary O., November 20, 1868; Zina A., October 31, 1870, *deceased;* Florence F., January 12, 1873; Elno M., March 29, 1875; and Frank E., August 3, 1878. Mr. Crawford and brother, William H., served in the late war, for one year as volunteers in the Twenty-first O. V. I. Postoffice address, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

DANIEL LIENTELLIS CRITTEN—manufacturer and lumber dealer of Columbus Grove, Putnam county, Ohio, was born at this place April 13, 1841. Mr. Critten is son of Daniel Critten and Elizabeth Lake, who came to this county in October, 1840. In Pleasant township, December 22, 1859, he married Mary Margaret, daughter of John Bushong and Sarah Smith, born at Riley, December 7, 1843. Their children, Sarah E. A., born October 6, 1860, and Zella L., July 2, 1874, now reside at Columbus Grove. The factory building of the Critten firm is of brick, two stories high, with dimensions forty by ninety feet. Their lumber yard is the oldest in the county.

ALFRED H. DAY—a leading merchant and business man of Columbus Grove, son of Alvin and Anna M. Day, was born at Wilbraham, Mass., in 1840, and settled in this county in 1861. He married September 20, 1865, at her native place, Ada L., daughter of Rufus M. and Lucy A. Pease, she having been born at Monson, Mass., in 1842. Their union has been sealed with three children: Rose E., born September 17, 1866; Kyle M., born September 7, 1869, *died* February 14, 1870; Homer R., April 9, 1873. Mr. Day has been treasurer of the incorporated village of Columbus Grove since 1864.

HOLLAND B. DICE—born in Mahoning county, July 31, 1849, son of James Dice and Almena L. Hopkins, and settled here with his parents in 1865. Married in this county January 2, 1873, Caroline A. Pope, born in Putnam county, April 12, 1846, daughter of Henry Pope and Priscilla Wade, who came here in 1833. Children: Clara O., born October 8, 1873; Orrin E., born April 7, 1876, *died* December 13, 1878; Mary A., born August 5, 1878. Mr. Dice's great grandfather served in the Revolutionary war. His brother, Warren, was four years in the war of the Rebellion, Sixth Regiment, O. V. C., serving in the army of the Potomac. Occupation, farming. Postoffice, Ottawa.

DAVID D. DILLER—a farmer, was born in Riley township, this county, August 28, 1843. He married there April 18, 1872, Susanna Hochsteteler, who was born in Richland township, Allen county, September 18, 1852, daughter of Jonathan Hochsteteler and Mary Ann Coler. They have the blessing of four children, namely: Henry, born February 7, 1873; Mary Ann, August 23, 1874; Abraham, August 31, 1876; and Emma Elizabeth, March 27, 1878. Postoffice address, Columbus Grove.

T. C. EAKIN, M. D.—son of David and Margaret (Cross) Eakin, born in Carroll county in 1816, settled in this county in 1865, and has since been in the practice of medicine and surgery in Columbus Grove. Dr. Eakin has been three times married: first in May, 1847, to Elizabeth A. Fishel, who died in August, 1848; second marriage, in 1849, to Amanda McKeehen; third at Van Wert, September 9, 1867, to Ella Frank, born in Wayne county, Ohio, in 1845, daughter of Andrew and Christiana (Smith) Frank. Children by the last marriage: Nettie E., born June 9, 1868; Frank M., July 28, 1870; Maggie L., January 16, 1872; Mary E., December 16, 1874. Dr. Eakin's grandfather, on his mother's side, fought under Washington in the Revolutionary war.

ALLEN EDMONDS—was born in Wayne county, July 6, 1825, and came to Putnam county in 1839 with his parents, Benjamin and Elizabeth (Rathbone) Edmonds. He married in this county, March 11, 1858, Parnelia Otto, born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, July 23, 1833, daughter of Henry and Rachel (Powell) Otto, who settled here in 1857. Their four children are: Ida A., born January 14, 1859; Clementine R., January 28, 1861; Martha J., April 1, 1863; Beatrice R., November 19, 1864. Mr. Edmonds has held the office of marshal of the incorporated village of Columbus Grove at two different times, and also that of councilman one year. His brother Enos served one year in the Mexican war, and his brother Peter died at Fort Fisher while serving his country in the war of the Rebellion. Mr. Edmonds does a general smithing business in Columbus Grove.

GILBERT J. EMANS—whose parents were John J. Emans and Sarah J. DeMott, was born in New Jersey, July 13, 1813, and died September 24, 1877. He settled in this county in October, 1849. His wife, Anana Seitz, to whom he was married in Union county, Ohio, October 4, 1848, was born in Fairfield county, August 7, 1815, daughter of Daniel Seitz and Elizabeth Hight. Their four children are: Lydia, born July 17, 1849; Elizabeth, December 20, 1850; Daniel, August 14, 1854; John, December 24, 1857. Mrs. Eman's father, Daniel Seitz, was a teamster in the war of 1812, and helped to haul the British prisoners from Upper Sandusky, and received a land warrant for the same, a few years ago. Mr. Emans followed farming. Postoffice address of family, Ottawa.

JACOB ESHLIMAN—whose parents were Christian and Susan (Holderman) Eshliman, was born in Lebanon county, Pa., May 24, 1822, and came to this county in 1870. His wife was Mary E. Grove, born in Berks county, Pa., March 30, 1832, daughter of Andrew and Caroline Shaner Grove, and they were married at his native place March 28, 1850. Children: John, born February 13, 1851; Sophia E., July 24, 1852; Levi D., born February 10, 1854, *died* September 9, 1856; Christian, born February 1, 1856; George G., November 25, 1857; Mary C., March 18, 1859. Mr. Eshliman served in the late war four months in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-first O. N. G. His brother-in-law, George J. Grove, served in Company I, First O. V. I., and was killed at Dallas, Ga. He was out three years; started as a private and was promoted to captain. Business, blacksmithing and farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

ISAAC FRUCHEY—son of Frederic and Elizabeth (Welton) Fruchey, who settled in the county in 1840, was born in Fairfield county, December 1, 1834. He married in this county, March 3, 1857, Amanda, daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Moneysmith) Billhimer. She was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, March 24, 1836. Children: Andrew L., born November 28, 1857, *died* August 8, 1861; Barbara E., January 15, 1860, *died* August 19, 1861; Estella, February 4, 1864. He was in the late war, and served seventeen months in Company K, Fourteenth Regiment, O. V. I., and was discharged on account of disabilily. Two of his wife's brothers were in the war: William died at Corinth, Mississippi, March 9, 1863; Deliverance B. was wounded at Chickamauga, and died March 17th, 1874; Joseph died November 3, 1874. Occupation, photographer. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

ALEXANDER H. FLINT—a carpenter and farmer, was born in Orange county, Vermont, November 24, 1836, and came to this county with his parents, Reuben S. Flint and Electa Killborn, in 1853. Mrs. Flint was Emeline Cook, born in this county June 9, 1844, daughter of Isaiah and Sarah Morehead Cook, who settled here in 1834. They were married May 27, 1860, and have had three children, namely: Ai Adney, born April 10, 1861, *died* September 4, 1877; Addi S., January 13, 1863; Andrew H., January 9, 1866. Mr. Flint's grandfather, Daniel Flint, went into the Revolutionary war at the age of fourteen, and served eight years. Alexander H. Flint worked two months in the army as a carpenter. His two brothers, Addi H. and Alamander, served each three years in the late war; the former in Ninety-ninth Regiment O. V. I., and was taken prisoner at Stone River; the latter in the Eleventh Indiana Battery. His brother-in-law, T. Cook, served two years, and brother-in-law, A. Seitz, two years, in Ninety-ninth O. V. I., and was taken prisoner at the battle of Chickamauga, and died in a rebel prison. Postoffice, Ottawa.

JOHN B. FRUCHEY—was an early resident of this township, having settled here in 1838. His parents, Frederic and Elizabeth Welton Fruchey, came into the county in 1840. Frederic Fruchey died in June, 1852. John B. Fruchey was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, October 5, 1817. His wife, N. J., daughter of William and Elizabeth Ramsey McComb, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, August 3, 1825. They were married in this county December 9, 1841. They have had ten children: Henry J., born October 7, 1843, now of

Paulding county; E. J., September 30, 1846, of Sidney; M. E., July 7, 1849, Winamac, Indiana; F. P., April 12, 1852, Sidney; Anna J., January 30, 1855, also of Sidney; J. E., September 30, 1857, Columbus Grove; L. A. D., February 17, 1861, of Delphos; L., July 17, 1864, Columbus Grove; N., December 30, 1866, Columbus Grove; Thomas, February 15, 1869, now of Allen county. Mr. Fruchey held the office of sheriff in this county from 1851 to 1855, and was justice of the peace in Ottawa township from 1858 to 1864. His father laid out the town of Columbus Grove in 1842, when it was a forest, and the settlers were subjected to all the inconveniences and privations of early pioneer life. John B. Fruchey has been one of the prominent citizens of this town and township, and identified with their growth and improvement from the beginning. Business, farming. Postoffice, Delphos.

SAMUEL FARRER—farmer and tile manufacturer, with postoffice at Columbus Grove, son of Jacob and Susan Whitmore Farrer, was born in Augusta county, Va., September 1, 1847, and came into this county in March, 1875. He married November 26, 1874, Maria, daughter of Henry Eversole, of Fairfield county. She was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, April 16, 1839. Their two children are: Orilla, born December 1, 1875, and Henry, born January 28, 1879. Mr. Farrer's farm is situated three-and-a-half miles north and one-half mile east of Columbus Grove.

GEORGE W. FEATHERINGILL—was born in Fairfield county, November 30, 1830, and settled in Putnam county, with his parents, in 1832. His father, Elias Featheringill, died April 1, 1854, and his mother, Hannah Bogart, died August 17, 1862. He married, in this county, April 3, 1853, Alvira Fruchey, born in Fairfield county, March 16, 1833, daughter of John and Rachel (Brakebill) Fruchey, who settled here in 1840. John Fruchey died February 10, 1856. Children: Marion, born December 25, 1853; Jefferson, January 1, 1856; Frederick L., June 13, 1858; Lincoln, July 11, 1860; Mary A., November 30, 1864; Nettie, November 13, 1874. His grandfather Featheringill served in the war of 1812. His brother John served in the late war, in the Fourteenth O. V. I., and was killed at the battle of Chickamauga. His brother I. L. served three years in the Eighty-eighth O. V. I., and came home safe. Business, farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

JOSEPHUS FIFER—a house painter of Columbus Grove, was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, May 12, 1850, son of Benjamin Fifer and Elisabeth Daugherty, who came to live in this county in 1865. He married at Ottawa, May 20, 1875, Belle, daughter of D. R. and Matilda (Benham) Guthrie, who settled in this county in 1859. Mrs. Fifer was born in Delaware county, November 10, 1853. Children: Harvey B., born February 28, 1876, *died* July 24, 1877; Velma H., born November 7, 1879. Mr. Fifer's brother John served three years during the late war and returned safely home.

MOSES S. FROST—son of Joseph and Mary A. Shivalier Frost, born in Licking county, August 1, 1831, settled in Putnam county in 1865. Married October 1, 1861, Sarah Rogers, born in Morrow county, May 27, 1839, daughter of John Rogers and Chloe P. Potter, who came here in 1865. Children: Amanda A., born March 31, 1858 (by first marriage to Caroline Souslin, who *died* May 11, 1860); Mary L., born September 4, 1862; Rosetta C., February 2, 1863; John W., born March 17, 1865, *died* April 5, 1872; Elizabeth C., June 19, 1867; Elvira H., October 31, 1868; Moses F., born March 8, 1871, *died* September 21, 1879; Albert J., October 27, 1872; Gilbert O., June 9, 1874, *died* August 30, 1875. Mr. Frost held the office of constable in Licking county six months in 1859. Has been trustee of Pleasant township for eight years, and in the fall of 1879 was elected land appraiser. Business, farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

FREDERICK FRUCHEY—was born in Franklin county, October 15, 1836, son of John and Rachel Breckbill Fruchey, and came with them to this county in 1840. He married in this county, July 15, 1864, Mary E. Curry, born in Vigo, Indiana, September 29, 1841, daughter of James and Diana Titus Curry, who settled in this county in 1852. Children: James S., born January 17, 1866; Ida D., born September 11, 1867, *died* October 8, 1867; Mary E., August 25, 1868; Samuel T., February 21, 1870; Joseph A., March 29, 1872; George A., March 23, 1875; Homer E., April 5, 1878. Mr. Fruchey served two years in the late war, in the Eighty-eighth O. V. I., on guard duty all the time. He is engaged in farming. Address, Columbus Grove.

COLUMBUS FRUCHEY—a general sewing machine agent of Pleasant township, postoffice address, Columbus Grove, Ohio, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, November 30, 1838; was married to Miss Catherine Becker, who was born in Germany July 16, 1836, in Putnam county, Ohio, October 24, 1859. Their children were: Frederick Caspar, born August 3, 1860, *deceased;* Columbus, born October 21, 1861, Columbus Grove; Lafayette, October 7, 1864; May C., March 4, 1867; Effa, August 22, 1873, *deceased.* The parents of Mr. Fruchey, Frederick Fruchey and Betsey Welton, came to Putnam county in 1840, and the parents of Mrs. Fruchey, Caspar and Elizabeth Becker, in 1848.

HENRY H. GESSELLS—son of Jacob and Anna (Ewing) Gessells, who came to the county in 1854 from Fairfield county. He was born at Royalton, Fairfield county, November 21, 1849. He married, at Mansfield, Ohio, November 26, 1863, Mary J., daughter of William S. and Rachel A. (Randolph) Barns. His grandfather, Gessells, was in the war of 1812. His wife's brothers, L. G. and T. J. D. Barns, served in the Eighty-second regiment, O. V. I., in the late war. Mr. Gessells is engaged in raising improved stock—short-horn cattle from imported stock, Poland-China hogs, blooded horses, jacks and white China geese. Occupation, farmer and stock-dealer. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

JOHN GANDER—was born in Franklin county, October 6, 1822, and came into this county in 1838, with his parents. His father, John Gander, died September 2, 1858; his mother, Elizabeth Kendall, died November 21, 1865. He was married, in this county, June 24, 1847, to Susan M. Garner, who was born in Culpepper county, Va., June 17, 1827. Mrs. Gander's father, William W. Garner, died June 6, 1867, and her mother, Elizabeth Stover, died March 5, 1853. They came to Putnam county January 1, 1837. Mr. and Mrs. Gander's family consist of the following: John William, born April 15, 1848, *died* January 25, 1849; Elizabeth Ann, born January 22, 1850; Nancy Jane, October 14, 1853; James Madison, March 23, 1856; Mary Lucinda, June 18, 1858; Joseph Warren, December 10, 1861; Matilda Frances, November 17, 1866; Emma Adaline, December 11, 1869; Rosa Mahala, September 23, 1872. John Gander has filled several public offices—justice of the peace in Sugar Creek township for eighteen years, assessor seven years, and several years township clerk, and also treasurer. Present occupation, farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

GEORGE B. GOOD—son of Rev. Joseph Good, of Central Ohio Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, was born in Toledo, June 19, 1841. His mother's name was Harriet A. Taylor. He married, at Ada, Hardin county, March 18, 1860, Elizabeth A. Cahill, daughter of Elsie S. and Mary (Currell) Cahill, and she was born in Tuscarawas county, December 2, 1842. They have three children, namely: Joseph, born February 26, 1861; John McK., born December 2, 1865; Mollie E., born September 30, 1867. These are all at home in Columbus Grove. Mr. Good is a wagon and carriage maker, who does first class work, is very active in matters pertaining to the interests of the town and the public generally. His ancestors were in the Revolutionary war. His brother, John J. Good, was killed in the late war at the battle of Picketts Mills, Ga., May 27, 1864. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

GEORGE W. GRISMORE—son of John Grismore and Catharine Weaver, came into this county in 1872. He was born October 6, 1847, in Allen county; married in Putnam county, October 5, 1872, Sarah A. Weston, who was born in Whitley county, Indiana, August 15, 1845, daughter of Samuel L. Weston and Malinda L. Rardin. Children: Owen, born August 24, 1873, *died* September 26, 1873; Orville, September 23, 1874; Elora, August 19, 1877. His grandfather Weaver served in the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Grismore's stepfather, John Blunk, was in the late war, Seventy-third Regiment Indiana V. I., and participated in the battle of Stone River. Business, farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

JOHN J. HARDENBROOK—was born in Miami county, Ohio, February 25, 1845. In the year 1862 he removed to Putnam county with his parents, Ralph M. and Elisabeth (Reeder) Hardenbrook; was married at Columbus Grove, January 10, 1867, and engaged in business as farmer and miller. His wife, Mary A. Gessells, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, January 18, 1849, and is daughter of Jacob Gessells and Anna Ewing, who came to Putnam county in the year 1854. Their children are Harry G., born July 5, 1872, and Jessie, born October 2, 1874. Mr. Hardenbrook, great-grandfather of John J., served in the Revolutionary war, and John J. himself served two years in the late war, as a member of Company I, in the Eighty-eighth O. V. I.

SCOTT HARRIS—was born and married, as was also his wife, in Allen county. He was son of John and Isabelle Harris, and was born July 24, 1845. His wife was Margaret A. States, daughter of Daniel States and Jane Jennings, and was born February 3, 1841. They were married March 5, 1868, and have had six children, namely: Cora E., born July 5, 1869, *died* November 1, 1870; Daniel F., September 3, 1870; Isabelle J., October 9, 1871; Huldah E., September 4, 1873; Louella M., November 26, 1874; Olive B., February 11, 1877. Mr. Harris had one brother who served five months in the war of the Rebellion. Business, livery and farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

FERDINAND HOFFMAN—a native German, was born at Glandorf, Germany, September 8, 1832, and settled in Putnam county in 1835, with his parents, John Henry Hoffman and Anna Catharine Papenbrock. His wife, Catharine Feldman, was born at Osnabruck, Hanover, in September, 1833, daughter of John Henry Feldman and Mary Margaret Bultman, who came into this county in 1832. Children: Henry, born March 12, 1854, *died* November, 1854; John H., born March 11, 1857; William F., born August, 1859, *died* June, 1860; William Ferdinand, born May 18, 1861; Catharine M., born October 21, 1863. The other children are Mary, Anna M., born October 20, 1868; Henry B., December 9, 1870; Frank J., March 8, 1873, and Ferdinand. Mr. Hoffman has been school director for seven years. Postoffice, Glandorf. Business, farming.

GEORGE W. HOLMES—a native of Putnam county, was born August 7, 18 , and is a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Downs) Holmes, who came here in 1849. He was married in this county, October 25, 1877, to Rhoda J. Guin, born in Hancock county, November 30, 1860, daughter of Jonathan S. and Mary (Watkins) Guin, who came into this county in 1876. Mr. Holmes had five uncles in the late war—David, Samuel, Oliver, James, and Calvin Holmes. Business, farming. Postoffice address, Columbus Grove.

JOSIAH K. IRWIN—son of Josiah K. Irwin, Sr., and Catharine Bartman, was born in Chester county, Pa., February 14, 1814, and came into Putnam county in 1832. He married, in this county, October 1, 1841, Sarah Guyer, daughter of John Guyer. She was born in Muskingum county, July 17, 1816, and *died* March 3, 18 Children: James, born October 20, 1842; Jane, born December 28, 1843, now in Paulding county; Sarah A., June 2, 1846; William, January 28, 1848; Amanda, born November 7, 1850, *died* October 26, 1851; Rebecca, October 7, 1852; Emma, September 23, 1856; Mary L., April 24, 1858. All those living, excepting the one mentioned, reside in Putnam county. Mr. Irwin's business is farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

BENJAMIN F. IRWIN—came to the county in 1832. He was born in Fairfield county, November 30, 1821, son of Josiah Kennedy and Catharine Bartman. His first wife, Sarah J. Lease, was born April 26, 1836, and died June 28, 1861. By this first marriage he had four children, namely: Herman L., born June 16, 1855; Margaret A., September 5, 1857; Eva, August 1, 1859; Sarah J., June 28, 1861. The second marriage was March 28, 1864, to Lydia J. Hayden, born in Stark county, May 7, 1839, daughter of Nathaniel and Eliza (Brothers) Hayden. Children of the second marriage: Martha Emma, born March 9, 1865; Clement L., born July 26, 1866, *died* September 19, 1866; George Thurman, September 20, 1867; Benjamin F., August 25, 1869; Nathaniel K., January 20, 1871; James A., March 13, 1874; Charles P., December 9, 1876; Kemerer L., May 16, 1879. Mr. Irwin had an uncle in the war of 1812. Two of his brothers-in-law served in the late war of the Rebellion: Isaiah Hayden, Fourteenth O. V. I., was wounded and came home from its effects; Nathaniel Hayden of Fifty-seventh O. V. I., died in hospital at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Postoffice of B. F. Irwin, Columbus Grove. Business, farming.

JAMES IRWIN—son of Josiah K. and Sarah Guyer Irwin, who settled here in 1832, was born in this county October 20, 1842. He married at Findlay, May 7, 1871, Lydia E. Aurand, born in Hancock county, July 17, 1847, daughter of Samuel and Rachel (Trease) Aurand. This union has been blessed with three children, namely: Samuel C., born June 8, 1872; Mamie, June 22, 1875; Olie M., May 16, 1877. Mr. Irwin is engaged in farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

EDWARDS JONES—son of Thomas Jones and Elizabeth Maddocks, was born in England, December 3, 1817, and settled in this county in 1851. Mrs. Jones was also a native of England, born February 8, 1822. Her maiden name was Anna Roberts. Mr. and Mrs. Jones were married in Erie county, November 7, 1842. Children: Elizabeth A., born May 8, 1844, *died* August 21, 1879; Edwin J., born July 5, 1846, resides at Bluffton; Philip H., November 17, 1848; Dora E., November 20, 1851; Albert E., February 19, 1853; Harvey W., September 22, 1857; Chester H., born February 5, 1860, *died* April 17, 1861; Hattie C., March 6, 1862; Melissa J., March 31, 1865; Alice S., born August 16, 1867, *died* June 10, 1868. All of these not specified reside in this county. Mr. Jones is by occupation a farmer. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

NORTON KENNEY—son of Upton Kenney and Hannah Whitehurst, was born in Fairfield county, July 25, 1846, and settled in Putnam county in 1874. His wife, Olive, daughter of Henry Eversole and Sophronia Heis, was also born in Fairfield county, March 8, 1844, and they were married there January 11, 1872. Five children have been born to them, namely: Nellie F., November 3, 1872; Charles E., October 13, 1873; Daisy, August 1, 1875; Upton, January 26, 1877; Bert, born March 23, 1879, *died* August 9, 1879. Mr. Kenney is a farmer and stock raiser. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

PETER KOHLI—son of Christian and Margaret (Berky) Kohli, who came to the county in 1844. He was born in Medina county, January 4, 1836. He married in this county, January 1, 1861, Eliza J., daughter of John Featheringill and Martha E. Ramsey, who settled here in 1833. She was born March 26, 1844. Children: Martha M., born November 6, 1861; Jarvis F., December

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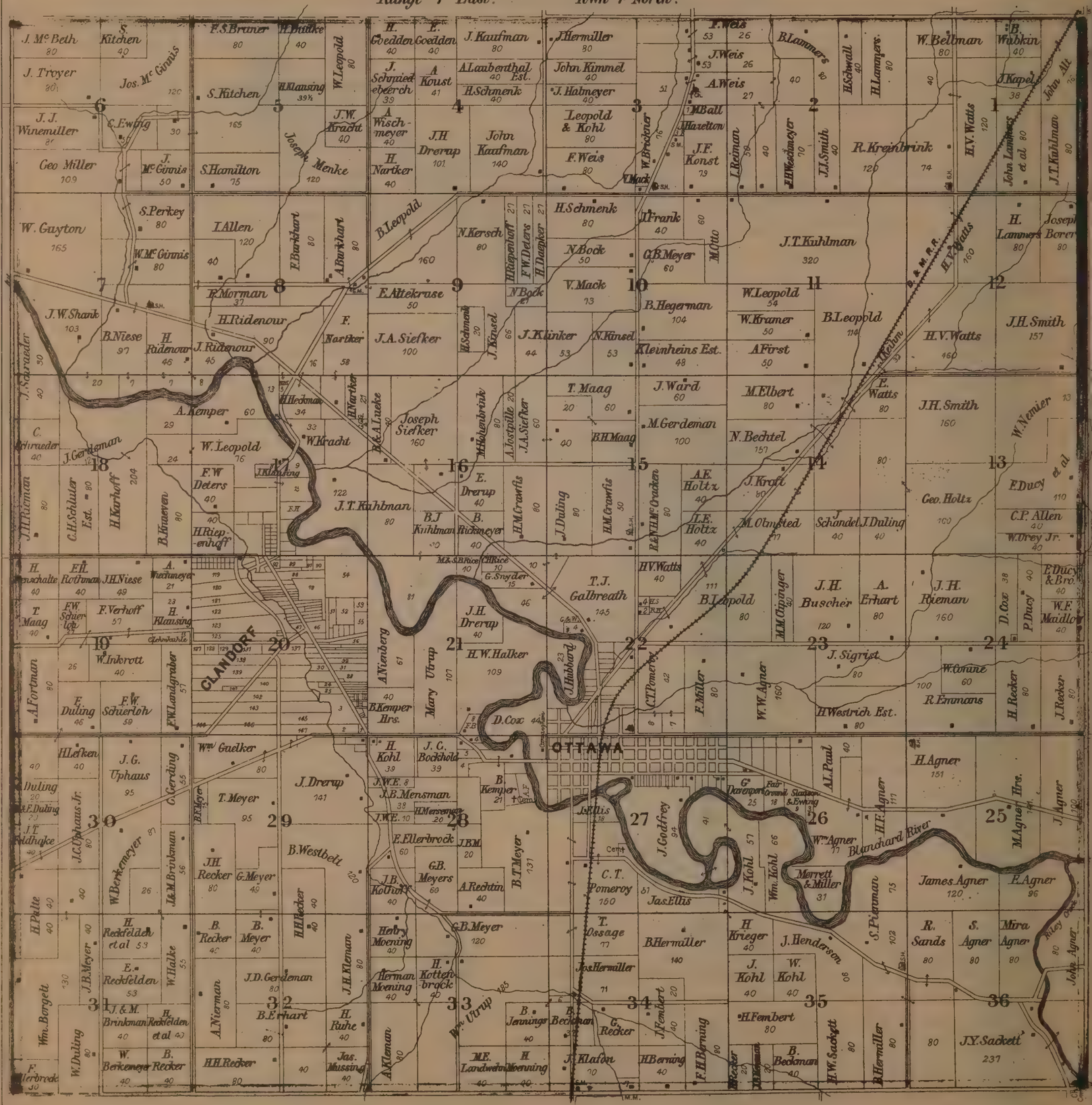

9, 1866; Clara C., June 13, 1871; Alvah H., March 5, 1874, and Lee K., January 16, 1878, all at home. His brother, Jacob, served in the late war from 1861 to 1865, in Company K, Fourteenth regiment O. V. I. Occupation, blacksmith and carriage-maker. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

THEODORE KUNNEKE—a native of Germany, son of Christian and Ernestine E. Kunneke, was born March 18, 1824. In 1852, he settled in Putnam county, and entered upon business. He is now a prominent business man of the town of Columbus Grove, as lumber dealer, contractor and builder. April 14, 1853, he was married, at Columbus Grove, to Miss Mary E. Featheringill, who was born in Franklin county, Ohio, October 9, 1833, and is daughter of John Featheringill and Martha Ramsey. Their children, Louis Kunneke, born June 26, 18 ; Martha Eleanor, January 21, 1854, and John Harmon, January 13, 1858, are all residents of Columbus Grove. A brother of Mr. Kunneke, serving in General Sigel's command during the late war, was killed at Stone River.

ABRAHAM LOSH—son of John Jacob Losh and Mary Eve Shuler, was born July 24, 1817, in Zanesville, Muskingum county, and settled in this county in 1852. He married, March 20, 1841, Sarah Ann Frost, born in Licking county, June 20, 1820, daughter of Joseph Frost and Mary A. Shevalier. Their children are: Mary A., born February 25, 1844; Henry, born February 20, 1846, *died* November 29, 1877; Hannah, September 12, 1850; Joseph, November 26, 1859. Business, farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

GEORGE LENTZ—son of Henry Lentz and Lydia B. Bupp, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, September 26, 1846, and became a resident of this county in 1876. He married in Franklin county, August 16, 1869, Katie A. Ault, born in Marion county, March 29, 1844, daughter of Frederick and Christina Ault, who also came to Putnam county in 1876. Children: John W., born March 10, 1870; Frederick H., August 8, 1871; Lydia Selinda, February 2, 1873; James Edmond, March 30, 1875; Lula Etna, January 23, 1876; George Clarence, January 2, 1879. Mrs. Lentz's brother, Hampton Ault, was in the war of the Rebellion, and was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville. Business, farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

JOHN McELDERRY—son of Richard McElderry and Eliza Gailey, who came into this county in 1864, was born in Carroll county, January 22, 1844, and settled in this county in 1865. He married, October 1, 1865, Elizabeth Tobey, born in Union county, August 6, 1845, daughter of Harlow Tobey and Welthena Phelps. Five children have been given them: Sarah Lou Enna, born August 1, 1867, *died* April 25, 1874; Ora Welthena, born December 4, 1869, *died* April 26, 1872; Albert Eugene, March 12, 1872; Annie Dell, born July 8, 1874, *died* January 21, 1875; Charlie, March 25, 1876. Mr. McElderry served in the late war, from June 1, 1861, until June 14, 1865; was a member of the Thirty-first O. V. I.; in that time he was through twenty-six different engagements. He had two brothers in the same war—Joseph, member of the Thirteenth O. V. I., and Jonathan, of the One Hundred and Twenty-first O. V. I; both were killed. Mr. McElderry is now serving as marshal of Columbus Grove. Business, dealer in buggies.

JOSEPH McCRATE—a farmer, son of Thomas McCrate and Ellen Casey, was born in Tipperary county, Ireland, March 17, 1836, and settled in Putnam county in 1859. His wife was Bridget Lane, daughter of Dennis Lane and Mary Mahoney, who came into this county in 1858, and she was born in Butler county, June 1, 1851. They were married in Allen county, November 8, 1871, and have four children: Mary E., born September 8, 1872; John J., October 24, 1874; William E., August 27, 1876; Catharine, October 5, 1878. Joseph McCrate entered the Union army April 26, 1861, as private, and came out as first lieutenant at the close of the war, August 25, 1865. He was in the Fifty-seventh O. V. I., and went through many battles, going with General Sherman through to the sea, and was in the last battle of the war at Bentonville, N. C. His brother, John McCrate, served in the Seventy-ninth O. V. I.; was in the battles of Perrysville, Ky., and Resacca, Ga., and was wounded at Lookout Mountain, sent to hospital, and was honorably discharged on account of his wounds. The postoffice address of Joseph McCrate is Columbus Grove.

JOHN McCRATE—was born in Tipperary county, Ireland, in June, 1841, son of Thomas and Ellen Casey McCrate, and settled in Putnam county in 1870. He married at Covington, Kentucky, December 8, 1867, Ellen Coneley, who was born in Kilkenny county, Ireland, in February, 1839, daughter of Thomas and Johannah Scurey Coneley. Mr. McCrate served four years in the late war, in the Seventy-ninth O. V. I., and was in the battles of Resacca and Lookout Mountain. At the latter he was wounded, taken to general hospital at Camp Dennison, and honorably discharged. Business, farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

CALVIN A. McDOWELL—came into this county with his parents, John and Eliza Ackley McDowell, in 1836. He was born in Licking county January 14, 1835. Was married in Allen county, February 7, 1861, to Elizabeth A. Caddy, who was born in Morrow county, December 6, 1840, daughter of Charles and Mary Dyer Caddy. Children: Mary G., born December 7, 1861; Anna C., February 17, 1864; Clifford, born November 14, 1866, *died* September 5, 1869; Charles C., September 27, 1870; Lee V., March 17, 1875. Mr. McDowell follows farming. He has held the office of county surveyor in Putnam for six years. His grandfather Ackley served in the Revolutionary war. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

S. V. McHENRY—is a native of this county, being born here June 3, 1837. His father, John McHenry, came into the county in 1833, and his mother, Caroline Veirs, in 1835. He was married in this county, February 24, 1864, to Sarah E. Gessells, who was born in Fairfield county, May 24, 1844, daughter of Jacob Gessells and Anna Ewing, who settled in this county in 1853. Their three children, all at home, are: Charles S., born June 10, 1865; Eddie J., January 5, 1873; Blanche V., July 31, 1876. Mr. McHenry has served five years as township clerk; is now assessor of the township; has served as township treasurer, also as councilman, and is now corporation clerk of Columbus Grove. His general business, farming.

ALFRED MAYBERRY—is a farmer of this township, and a native of the county, being born here April 4, 1847, son of James and Mary Jamison Mayberry, who came into the county in 1833. He was also married in the county, September 26, 1867, to Louisa Beam, daughter of Amos and Mary Burkhart Beam, who settled here in 1856. Mrs. Mayberry was born in Lancaster county, Pa., October 23, 1847, and died July 7, 1879. Children: Mary R., born March 13, 1869; Theodosia E. and Theophilus M. (twins), born April 26, 1871; Sarah, born March 1, 1874, *died* March 21, 1874; Warren R., December 17, 1875; Emma J., December 25, 1877. Two of Mr. Mayberry's brothers and himself served in the late war. Alfred, in the Fifty-seventh O. V. V. I., eighteen months; was in the battles of Resacca, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, and Benton, N. C.; was wounded at Kenesaw Mountain. William W. was also in the Fifty-seventh O. V. V. I., served four years in the Western army, and died November 18, 1864. Theophilus served in the one hundred days' service. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

CHARLES F. MEINCER—a native of Germany, was born at Baden, February 9, 1841. He settled in Putnam county, O., in the year 1869, and engaged in the business of coopering; was married in Allen county, March 24, 1870, to Martha L. Rockey, native of Pickaway county, O., born July 2, 1842, and daughter of John and Susanna Rockey. Their union has received the blessing of one child, Henry A. Meincer, born September 28, 1873. Mr. Meincer is son of Charles F. and Catharine Meincer.

DR. JOSEPH MORRIS—The subject of this sketch was born in Monroe township, this county, December 10, 1833. His parents, Henry and Margaret Morris, settled here in 1832. Dr. Morris has been twice married; his first wife, daughter of James and Mary Smith, was born in this county April 6, 1839; the second and present wife, Diana, daughter of Daniel and Catharine Seitz, was born in Fairfield county May 8, 1837. Children: Galenus, born July 23, 1861; Alfred, October 1, 1862; Josephine, July 11, 1864, *deceased*; Sarah Lucinda, born September 24, 1866, *died* August 5, 1877; Frank, born May 25, 1838; Roscila, January 17, 1870; Robert D., May 28, 1877; Lizzie, July 20, 1879. Dr. Morris's father and mother were the first settlers in Monroe township (this township has since been struck off to Allen county). They settled on the farm where mother Morris now lives, and here she lived six weeks without seeing the face of a woman. Soon afterward other families came in, William and Rebecca Turner being the first family to settle in Pleasant township. Dr. Morris has practised medicine and surgery in Columbus Grove since 1870.

THORNTEN DECKER MYERS—son of George Washington Myers and Martha Matilda Blakeley, was born in Franklin county, June 30, 1844, and settled in this county in 1851. His wife, Clara Lea, daughter of James M. and Viletta (Ritchie) Lea, was born in Hardin county, December 19, 1839. They were married at Lima, October 5, 1867, and have had three children, namely: Lizzie Belle, born July 13, 1868; George Markwood, born July 7, 1870, *deceased;* Martha May, born May 12, 1873. Mr. Myers has served six years as constable—three at Vaugnsville and three at Columbus Grove. He served in the late war two years and seven months, in Company D, One Hundred and Eighteenth O. V. I.; was wounded at the battle of Resacca, Ga., May 14, 1864, and had his right arm amputated on the 10th of July following. At one time during the service he lived on one ear of corn per day for sixteen days. Mr. Myers is a sewing machine agent of Columbus Grove.

NOAH W. OGAN—attorney-at-law of Columbus Grove, settled in this county, with his parents, Peter and Jane (Jennings) Ogan, in 1835. He was born in Greene county, Ohio, October 3, 1824; was married twice. The first wife, born in Tuscarawas county in 1823, died December 1868, daughter of Daniel and Maria Custard. Children: Julius S., born June 9, 1850, is a partner with his father in business; Emily, born December, 1851; Jennie, November 1854; Dudley, born August 29, 1859, *died* August 28, 1861. The second wife, to whom he was married in December, 1875, was Emma, daughter of John and Rachel Elliott. She was born in Pennsylvania in 1848. Their child by the second marriage, Augustus C., was born December 14, 1876, *died* November 26, 1879. Peter Ogan was in the war of 1812. He moved into this county in 1835; lived first in a cabin with an earthen floor. Captain N. W. Ogan served in the Union army from August 25, 1861, to December 23, 1864. He was captured at Chickamauga, September 19, 1863, and escaped the same day; September 2, 1864, he lost an arm at Jonesboro, Ga., was taken prisoner with five hundred others, to Columbia, S. C., and was exchanged December 23, 1864.

WILLIAM OGLEVIE—was born in Barkley county, Virginia, November 6, 1821, and came into this county in 1848. His father, David Oglevie, was born March 4, 1800, and died April 29, 1863; and his mother, Catharine Everhart, was born May 26, 1799; they moved to Ohio in 1823. Mr. Oglevie was twice married; the first wife was Martha A. Rogers, by whom he had three children: M. B., born November 26, 1852; Henry, born December 7, 1854; Charles S., born November 29, 1857, *died* August 10, 1858. The second marriage was in 1859, to Rebecca J. Osborn, who was born in this county November 21, 1834, daughter of McDaniel and Rachel (Dalrymple) Osborn, who settled here in 1832. The children of the second marriage are: Mary, born January 11, 1860; Martha Ann, November 26, 1861; R. Ollie, November 21, 1863; Abigail Jane, August 6, 1873. Mr. Oglevie has held several offices in Pleasant township: mayor and marshal each one term; clerk seven years successively by election and one year by appointment. His grandfather Everhart served in the war of 1812, stationed at Norfolk. His brothers, David, Artemas, Oliver and Lewis, were all in the military service in the late war. Oliver was wounded in the battle of Chickamauga, carried a prisoner to Atlanta, and died there November 1, 1863. Lewis was never heard of after that battle. Business, house raising and moving. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

BENAJAH PAYNE—was born in Vermont December 9, 1802, and settled in this county in 1833. His father, Benajah Payne, died April 14, 1866, and his mother, Polly Plumley, died April 14, 1855. He married in Medina county, Ohio, Jerusha A. Hollis, born in the State of New York, daughter of Asel Hollis. Their children, all *deceased*, are: William G., born May 31, 1833; Joseph, April 9, 1839; Eliza, August 19, 1844. Two of Mr. Payne's uncles, on his father's side, served in the Revolutionary war, one being killed and the other wounded. He was one of the first trustees of Pleasant township, and held that office for several years. He served in the war of the Rebellion three years, and his son William G., who was killed in this war, served in the Second Regiment, O. V. I. Business, farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

JOHN PETTIT—settled in this county in 1854. He was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, April 10, 1829, son of Josiah and Harriet (Wimer) Pettit, who came here in 1860. He married, April 24, 1849, Jane Severns, born in Coshocton county, June 8, 1832, daughter of John and Jane (Parker) Severns. Children: an infant son, born March 25, 1850; Alwilda, August 16, 1851; Martha J., March 13, 1857. Mr. Pettit is a carpenter, thresher and farmer. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

GEORGE PIERMAN—was born in Virginia, February 25, 1831, and settled here in 1835. His parents were James Pierman and Mary Agner. His occupation is farming. Postoffice, Ottawa.

ALBERT POSTLEWAIT—son of William and Sarah (Hague) Postlewait, born in Monongalia county, Virginia, December 22, 1835, settled here in 1857. His wife, Louise L., born in Cassville, Virginia, May 26, 1842, was daughter of Peter A. and Catharine (Liming) Layton. Their marriage was at Cassville, Virginia, April 14, 1859, and the fruit of it two children: Frances L., born February 22, 1863, and Nellie K., October 28, 1865, both yet at the home of their parents. Mr. Postlewait's ancestors, on his father's side, were in the war of the Revolution, and Mrs. Postlewait's parents were both descendants of Revolutionary soldiers. Business, farmer and stock dealer. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

JARVIS POSTLEWAIT—farmer and stock dealer, son of William Postlewait and Sallie Hague, was born in Monongalia county, W. Va., April 3, 1834. He married at Ottawa, September 27, 1866, Mary Jane Kidd, born in this county April 7, 1844, daughter of Ezra Kidd and Julia A. Hooper. Children: Joseph, born July 23, 1867; William, April 19, 1869; Mark M., July 9, 1870; Sallie B., July 6, 1872; Harry J., October 27, 1873. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

GEORGE POPE—died September 11, 1872. He was a son of Frederick Pope and Mary Ketner. He was born in Fairfield county, November 17, 1813, and came to this county in 1834. His wife, Frances, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Stuter) Weaver, was also born in the same county, February 20, 1818. They were married in Fairfield county, July 28, 1844, and settled where his widow now lives, the same year. Children: William O., born June 17, 1845, *died* December 31, 1861; Mary A. (Gilbert), November 18, 1847, resides in Monroe township; Amanda M., June 4, 1851, *died* May 25, 1853; George W., February 15, 1854; Sarah C., May 17, 1859. (Harlow Pope served three years in the late war.) His son-in-law, R. E. Gilbert, served three years in the same war. He was a farmer. Mrs. Pope's postoffice, Ottawa.

ANDERSON REEDER—son of Joseph and Sarah (Anderson) Reeder, was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, January 21, 1814, and settled in this county in 1859. He held the office of treasurer of Pleasant township two years, in 1869 and 1870. Has been twice married: the first time in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, November 5, 1840, to Elizabeth Brown, born January 7, 1818, daughter of Israel and Mary B. Brown. The fruit of this union was ten children: Mary Emma, born September 3, 1841, now of Putnam county; Sarah, March 6, 1843, now of Miami county; B. F., born March 22, 1845, *died* August 10, 1855; Isaac, born January 12, 1847, *died* January 12, 1847; Esther, November 11, 1848, of Putnam county; Joseph J., born April 28, 1851, *died* September 13, 1872; Eliza, September 27, 1853, this county; Evaline T., January 7, 1858, Putnam county; Clara Lenora, born June 9, 1861, *died* July 3, 1861; Ida May, September 5, 1862, of this county. Mr. Reeder's second marriage occurred May 2, 1878, to Phebe Hardenbrook, who was born February 9, 1824, in Huntington county, New Jersey, daughter of John and Margaret (Mathes) Hardenbrook. Business, saw-milling and lumbering. Address, Columbus Grove.

JEREMIAH R. RIMER—was born in Fairfield county, January 23, 1820, son of Daniel Rimer and Catharine Vandemarke, who settled here in 1832. Has been twice married. The first in this county, September 19, 1841, to Lucinda Sarber, born in Franklin county, November 25, 1819, daughter of Adam and Catharine Ensden Sarber, who came here in 1834. Children by first wife: Catharine, born June 23, 1842; James A., April 13, 1845. The second marriage was November 5, 1846, to Eliza J., daughter of James and Millison (Watson) Cunningham. Children of the second marriage: Albert A., born May 10, 1848; William C., December 2, 1850; John M., October 9, 1852; Minor D., August 6, 1855; Lucinda J., August 31, 1857; Thomas C., May 8, 1860; Mary M., January 26, 1867. Albert A. served in the war of the Rebellion five months, in the One Hundred and Ninety-seventh O. V. I. Mr. Rimer has held the office of trustee in Sugar Creek township for three years. Business, farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

LEVI J. ROBERTS—pump manufacturer and farmer, was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, August 15, 1831, and came to this county in 1850. His parents were Gershom and Catharine (Miller) Roberts. Has been twice married. The first in Ashland county, October 26, 1856, to Johanna Brian, by whom he had two children: Sarah C., born July 25, 1857, *died* September 1, 1860; William B., born November 20, 1859. Was married the second time in Putnam county, August 4, 18 , to Lucinda Lewis, born in Allen county, January 22, 1852, daughter of Peleg and Elizabeth (Huey) Lewis. There are also two children of the second marriage: Clyde, born December 18, 1872, and Nettie A., born November 30, 1876. Mr. Roberts had two brothers, Benjamin F. and John E., who served three years each on State duty in the war of the Rebellion.

JOHN ROGERS—and his wife, Chloe P., were born in Washington county, New York, the former June 15, 1807, and the latter May 31, 1809. They were married in Morrow county January 1, 1823, and have a large family. Children: Joseph, born June 12, 1830, resides in Morrow county; Lucinda, born June 29, 1832, *died* October 17, 1864; Hannah, February 24, 1834, *died* March 5, 1834; Mary L., August 21, 1835; Chloe A., May 8, 1837; Sarah A., May 27, 1839—the latter three live in Putnam county; Samuel, born September 15, 1841, *died* July 17, 1864; Nancy, born September 27, 1843, *died* February 28, 1851; Peleg, born December 5, 1845, *died* March 7, 1851; Anna, born February 8, 1847, *died* March 1, 1851; John, born March 9, 1850, *died* March 14, 1850; Reuben, born March 23, 1851; Angelina, July 12, 1852; James, born June 14, 1854, *died* June 14, 1854. Two of these sons served in the late war: Joseph, in the Third O. V. C. three years, was in the battles of Stone River and Murfreesboro; Samuel, in the Twenty-fifth O. V. I., was in eleven battles, and was killed on the skirmish line on Chattahoochie River. John Rogers was a son of Peleg and Hannah (Wood) Rogers; Mrs. Rogers' parents were Samuel and Chloe Payson Potter. Business, farming. Address, Columbus Grove.

PHILEMON B. SEITZ—son of Abraham and Rebecca (Huddle) Seitz, who settled in this county in 1839, was born in Fairfield county June 10, 1827. He married, November 25, 1852, Mary, daughter of John D. and Anna (Waite) Devinney, and she was also born in Fairfield county, October 3, 1836. They have had a patriarchal family of twelve, all the living children at home: Calvin P., born May 15, 1854; Charles G., February 10, 1857; Ellen, August 7, 1859; Eliza, born February 10, 1861, *died* August 13, 1861; John V., born April 30, 1862, *died* February 4, 1864; Philemon, September 9, 1864; Abraham, September 12, 1866; Anna, April 30, 1870; Mary, May 9, 1872; Royal, July 7, 1874; Gertrude, March 4, 1876; Hortense, July 20, 1878. Mr. Seitz's grandfather Huddle served through the Revolutionary war. Mr. Seitz was in the war of 1861-65, Company H, Sixty-sixth O. V. I., and went with Sherman on his famous march to the sea. His brother, Abraham, died in the service. Business, farming. Postoffice, Ottawa.

JOHN SIGAFOOSE—was born in Frederick county, Virginia, October 15, 1801, son of John and Catharine Himicker Sigafoose, and came into this county in 1833. Has been twice married. The first marriage was in Hampshire county, Virginia, August 6, 1826, to Catharine, daughter of John and Julia Taylor McFarland; this wife died December 20, 1876. The second marriage took place in Hancock county, Ohio, June 19, 1877, to Loria A. Bogart, daughter of William and Harriet L. (Baulch) Bogart. His children are: Henry, born April 4, 1828; Mary A., March 22, 1830; William, born October 8, 1832, *died* October 3, 1832; Maria, born May 30, 1835, *died* September 30, 1835; Jane, September 29, 1837; Louis F., born February 11, 1840, *died* October 15, 1842; Catharine, born January 29, 1845, *died* March 1, 1872; Lucinda, March 5, 1847; John, born February 28, 1848, lives in Ottawa; Joseph, born March 27, 1852. His father served in the war of 1812. His son William served in the late war of the Rebellion, was in the battles of Stone River and Chickamauga, and *died* at Nashville, October 3, 1862. Occupation, smithing. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

JOHN SHEETS—a son of Joseph and Nancy Horine Sheets, was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, January 11, 1825, and with his parents settled in this county in 1836. His wife, Mahala, to whom he was married in Crawford county, Ohio, December 14, 18 , was born in St. Lawrence county, N. Y., September 3, 1818, daughter of William W. and Rhoda (Drake) Saunders, who came to live in Putnam county in 1848. Children: Dexter Albertus, born May 28, 1847, *died* September 23, 1875; John Daniel, born December 23, 1849, *died* July 14, 1850; Rhoda, born February 20, 1851; Elias K., July 19, 1853; John M., May 26, 1855; Joseph A., September 30, 1856; Alonzo F., May 30, 1857; Nancy J., July 12, 1860. Elias, resides in Pleasant township; all the others are with their parents. Mr. Sheets' paternal grandfather was killed in the Revolutionary war. His brother, Jacob Sheets, was in the late war three months. Business, farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

ADAM SMITH—son of William and Jane (Hanover) Smith, born in Franklin county, July 25, 1840, settled in this county in 1871. He was first married March 31, 1864, to Mary E. Dildane, who was born in Franklin county, February 9, 1846, and by this marriage had two children, namely: Emma A., born March 12, 1865, yet at home; Cora M., who lives in Franklin county. His second marriage was in Licking county, January 7, 1869, to Susan A. McKelvey, who was born in Franklin county, August 4, 1849, daughter of James and Mary A. McKelvey. Issue of the second marriage: William, born October 31, 1869; Edward, January 27, 1871; James, March 9, 1872; Lany M., August 19, 1873; George, February 24, 1875; Estella, March 24, 1877; Olive, September 7, 1879. These are all at home. James McKelvey served in the Revolutionary war three years, and also in the war of 1812, about eighteen months. The experience of Adam Smith is an illustration of the profit of ditching. In 1871 he bought a farm at $35 per acre, but it was so wet he could raise little on it. He put in thirty-two hundred rods of ditching, and now raises eighty-two bushels of corn and twenty-seven bushels of wheat per acre. Postoffice address, Columbus Grove.

JACKSON SMITH—was born in Franklin county, June 20, 1842, son of William Smith and Jane Hanover. He was married in Delaware county, November 27, 1864, to Hannah E. Wood, daughter of John and Elisabeth Patrick Wood, and she was born in Franklin county November 7, 1846. They have six children: Oliver L., born May 13, 1866; Flora M., January 23, 1868; Charles P., August 2, 1870; Hattie E., August 2, 1872; Maggie A., April 7, 1874; Lulu M., October 31, 1876. Mr. Smith is at present a trustee of Pleasant township. He was called out to serve his country during the Morgan raid. Business, farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

JOHN SMITH—son of Johnson and Elisabeth Reeder Smith, was born in Alleghany county, Pennsylvania, August 1, 1815, and settled in Putnam county in 1850. He married in Licking county, August 31, 1837, Elisabeth Glancy, born in Knox county July 23, 1821, daughter of D. M. and Elisabeth (Otto) Glancy. Children: Eliza A., born August 21, 1838; William H., February 22, 1840; David M., December 9, 1841; Asbury, December 22, 1843; Johnson M., July 22, 1846; Lucy, August 9, 1848; Margaret, October 24, 1850; Josiah, April 20, 1853; Mary, August 22, 1855; Nelson, born November 5, 1858, *died* September 15, 1859; Emma, October 11, 1860; Glancy B., November 6, 1862; Albert M., March 13, 1865. Of these, Eliza A. and Asbury reside in Illinois, and David M. in Kansas; all the others live in Putnam county. Mr. Smith has held the office of trustee in Pleasant township for three years. William H. and one other son were in the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

WILLIAM H. SMITH—farmer, born in Licking county, February 22, 1840, settled in this county in 1850 with his parents, John Smith and Elisabeth Glancey. His wife, Hannah E., daughter of James and Lydia Hayden Sims, who came here in 1841, was born in Allen county April 11, 1844. They were married in Putnam county October 31, 1867. Children: Frank E., born May 31, 1868; John J., March 17, 1869; Willie, born December 13, 1873, *died* November 13, 1876; Brice, December 7, 1876; Anna J., July 8, 1878. Mr. Smith served in the Union army in the late war, in Eighty-seventh O. V. I., and was captured and paroled at Harper's Ferry. His brother, D. M. Smith, served in the same regiment; both three years. Business, farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

NEWTON STEWART—son of John Stewart and Elizabeth C. Hite, who came to the county in 1837. He was born in this county January 24, 1840. He first married Rachel C. McCafferty, December 3, 1863. She was born in Hancock county, May 15, 1846, died March 25, 1877. Five children were born to them: Tersia, July 3, 1865; Gertrude, February 24, 1868; Chester, born June 24, 1871, *died* September 9, 1872; Flora, born April 5, 1873, *died* February, 1875; Jeremiah, December 22, 1875. He married in this county, September 15, 1878, —— Pope, daughter of Henry Pope and Priscilla Wade, who settled in the county in 1833. She was born July 12, 1841. They have one child, Mary Arista, born December 22, 1879. Occupation, farmer. Postoffice, Ottawa.

JAMES M. TURNER—tile and brick manufacturer, was born in this township November 8, 1859. His parents were William Turner and Catharine E. (Beam) Hollsbaugh. His father was the first settler in Pleasant township, November, 1832. He was an active and enterprising man, and was one of the men who procured the location of Dayton & Michigan Railroad through Columbus Grove. He was one of the founders of the Presbyterian Church here, of which he was a worthy member forty-four years. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

JOHN K. THOMPSON—was born at Columbus, Franklin county, in 1836, and settled here in 1873. His wife, Ann W. Wood, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Patrick) Wood, was also born in Franklin county, and they were married in their native county. Mr. Thompson is a general dealer in groceries, provisions, school books and notions, in Columbus Grove.

JOHN T. THRIFT—a physician of Pleasant township, Putnam county, Ohio; postoffice address, Columbus Grove; settled in this county in the year 1847; was born in Fairfax county, Va., February 28, 1825, and married in Putnam county, June 24, 1860. His wife, Philinda D., daughter of Calender and Mary Ditter, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, August 29, 1831. Their children, George D., J. Thomas, and Amy Thrift, were born at Kalida, respectively: July 16, 1861; July 15, 1865; May 7, 1869. Parents' names: James and Sinah Thrift.

WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM TINGLE—editor and publisher of the *Vidette*, is a native of Putnam county, having been born at Kalida, March 23, 1848. His parents, Joseph and Anna Sophia, came into the county in 1846. His wife, Eleanor Elizabeth, daughter of George W. and Fannie Holtzinger, was born at Cincinnati, August 30, 1849. They were married at Cincinnati, June 6, 1869, and their son, Clifford Garner, was born April 8, 1870. Mr. Tingle went into the army at the age of 15, enlisting July 4, 1863, and discharged July 4, 1865, by the closing of the war. He returned to this county in February, 1873, at which time he purchased the *Putnam County Vidette*.

JOHN TRASK—son of Isaac and Margaret (Jack) Trask, was born in Trumbull county, March 23, 1835, and came here with his parents in 1837. His first marriage was to Elizabeth Casebolt, August 17, 1856, by whom he had two children: Isaac N., born June 21, 1857, now in Nebraska; Susan J., born July 9, 1858, *died* January 7, 1859. He was married the second time, August 12, 1862, to Rachel Kidd, a native of Putnam county, born January 7, 1843, daughter of Ezra and Julia A. (Hooper) Kidd, who settled here in 1837. The children of the second marriage are: James W., born May 25, 1863; William V., February 10, 1866; Kemerer, born March 14, 1864, *died* September 24, 1870;

Guy, born May 23, 1874; Zoe, born April 15, 1876, *died* August 9, 1877; Harry, born April 27, 1879. Grandfather James Jack served in the war of 1812. Mr. Trask had four brothers in the war of the Rebellion: Nathaniel was killed at the battle of Chickamauga; James lost his left arm; Robert got only as far as Columbus; William was killed at the battle of Stone River. His business is farming. Postoffice address, Columbus Grove.

ROBERT TRASK—son of Isaac and Margaret (Jack) Trask, who came into this county in 1835, was born in Putnam county, March 30, 1840, married here, December 25, 1859, Tamar J. Casebolt, who was also born in the county, January 30, 1837, daughter of William and Tamar (Shigley) Casebolt, who settled here in 1835. Children: Charles W., born October 30, 1860, *died* January 31, 1873; James L., born March 8, 1862, *died* January 21, 1863; Sarah L., December 22, 1863; Ida E., January 27, 1867; Eva M., March 16, 1870; Chester L., April 6, 1872; Rosey J., April 22, 1874. Mr. Trask and three of his brothers served in the war of the Rebellion. Robert, two years in the Eighty-eighth O. V. I. Nathaniel was in the Twenty-first O. V. I., and was killed at the battle of Chickamauga. James R., in the Twenty-first O. V. I., was wounded on the march with Sherman to the sea. William L., also in Twenty-first, was killed in the battle of Stone River. Business, farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

JAMES TURNER—died May 8, 1870. He was born in Franklin county, Ohio, August 29, 1806, son of George and Eve Turner. He settled in this county in 1834. The following are his children by his first and second wives: Joseph, born January 9, 1833, *died* November 23, 1836; Lydia E., born July 15, 1833; Emer J., February 18, 1836; Lavina, October 17, 1837; William, born January 28, 1840, *died* July 8, 1864; Adam, born February 5, 1842, *died* February 6, 1843; Harriet E., born August 21, 1846, *died* September 5, 1847; Margaret E., October 26, 1844; Sarah, May 19, 1848. He was married the third time in Allen county, December 27, 1849, to Margaret Ayres, born in Wayne county, August 23, 1823, daughter of John Ayres and Sarah Walahan. The children of this third marriage are: Robert, born October 8, 1850; Amanda J., January 6, 1853; John T., August 31, 1855; Mary K., born December 20, 1857, *died* October 10, 1865; James L., March 11, 1861. Mrs. Margaret (Ayres) Turner is yet living, and is a subscriber for this ATLAS. Her grandfather, John Ayres, was in the Revolutionary war. Her two uncles, James and William Ayres, served in the war of 1812, and her father served under General Harrison. Two of James Turner's sons were soldiers in the war of the Rebellion. William, in the Twenty-seventh O. V. I., Captain Tucker, was wounded at Big Shanty Station, and died of the wound at Nashville, July 8, 1864. Emer J. served three years in the One Hundred and Eighteeth O. V. I. James Turner was a farmer by occupation. Postoffice of Mrs. Margaret Turner, Columbus Grove.

CHRISTIAN URY—a farmer, postoffice address Ottawa, was born in this county March 4, 1840, his parents, William and Susan (Redd) Ury, having settled here in 1839. His wife, Arrosina, daughter of Reuben S. Flint and his wife Electa Killborn, was born in Vermont, January 5, 1841. Children: Rosella, born July 51, 1866; Orpha V., August 17, 1868; Eliza, July 1, 1870; Ida, July 1, 1872; Daisy, February 9, 1874; Mary, February 11, 1876; Nettie, October 14, 1878. Mr. Ury served as a private in the war of the Rebellion, in Company I, 99th O. V. I.

JOHN WARD—son of Daniel Ward and Anna McDonald, who settled in the county in 1838. He was born in Richland county, February 28, 1824. His wife was Mrs. Elizabeth Brought. Her parents were Allen and Elizabeth (Weed) Hickerson, who settled in the county in 1834. She was born in Licking county, July 12, 1825. They were married in this county July 15, 1849. Have had seven children: Demetrius, born June 14, 1850, *died* December 5, 1851; Lyman A., November 13, 1851, *died* January 11, 1852; Annetta E., December 27, 1853, *died* September 6, 1854; Margaret L., January 6, 1855, *died* October 30, 1861; Adelia E., April 2, 1856, *died* October 23, 1861; Mary R., October 22, 857, *died* November 7, 1861; Rachel A., January 23, 1859. He served in Company G, Eighty-first Regiment O. V. I. His brother William was killed at Chickamauga. Occupation, carpenter. Post-office, Columbus Grove.

JAMES K. WAGNER—is a farmer of this township. His parents, George W. and Elizabeth (Guinn) Wagner, came into the county in 1850. He was born in Athens county, October 30, 1846; married, in Allen county, March 8, 1869, Catharine E. Swick, who was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, March 23, 1847, daughter of Abiathar P. and Sarah C. (Reeder) Swick. By this union they have four children: Charles A., born January 30, 1871; Monroe A., October 14, 1872; James I., March 8, 1875; Estella A., June 30, 1877. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

DAVID WHITE—son of William and Sophia (Craft) White, born in Bedfordshire, England, February 22, 1821, settled in this county in 1865. He married, at Bucyrus, Ohio, October 1, 1846, Oreann Rogers, born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, April 13, 1827, whose parents were Thomas and Mary (Kanable) Rogers. Children: George H., born January 4, 1848; Louisa P., April 14, 1850; John R., born April 26, 1852, *died* November 10, 1874; Alice L., June 8, 1854, *died* June 22, 1873; Benjamin F., March 21, 1856; Goodsell D., January 29, 1858; Eudora M., June 30, 1860; Ella C., February 2, 1863; Jimmie J., July 10, 1865, and Ollie E., October 18, 1867. The living children reside in Putnam county. Business, farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

CORNELIUS S. WILKINSON—boot and shoe dealer, came to Pleasant township, Putnam county, in the year 1871. He was born in Columbiana county, O., July 10, 1833. Parents, Cyrus G. Wilkinson and Rebecca Ladd. January 21, 1869, was married, at Findlay, O., to Lodema A. Ensminger (Dorsey), daughter of David Ensminger and Sarah Kelly, born November 18, 1841, Hancock county, O. The result of this union was two children, Guy T., born August 19, 1872, and Frank E., December 23, 1875, both living at Columbus Grove, O. Mrs. Wilkinson, at the time of her union with Mr. Wilkinson, had two children, Edson D., and Charlie E. Dorsey; the elder, born May 27, 1862, now resides in Montana territory, and the younger, born December 19, 1863, is living at Columbus Grove. Mr. Wilkinson, by a former marriage, had five children: Caroline, born September 25, 1854, *died* September 27, 1854; Leonidas L., born October 21, 1855, *died* December 12, 1870; Cora A., born February 28, 1860, *died* July 27, 1861; Townsend C., born September 2, 1864, and Arat Montez, April 7, 1867. His brother, John C. Wilkinson was killed in battle at Stone River, December 31, 1863; was a member of the Twenty-first O. V. I.

JOSEPH ZEARFASS—son of John and Catharine (Coonrod) Zearfass, was born (as was also his wife) in Northumberland county, Pa., January 1, 1816, and settled in this county in 1843. He married, March 26, 1836, Sarah I. Auchmutz, who was born October 23, 1816. Mrs. Zearfass' father, Arthur Auchmutz, died July 13, 1822, and her mother, Elizabeth Hazlett, died July 22, 1856. Children: Mary A., born February 25, 1840, *died* October 13, 1853; Sarah E., born January 16, 1842, lives in Elkhart county, Indiana; Susan J., born November 14, 1844, resides in Allen county; John W., November 23, 1846; Rebecca, born November 5, 1848, *died* April 9, 1851; Catharine, born July 20, 1851, *died* June 21, 1860; Martha M., April 24, 1854; George W., September 6, 1857; Joseph M., December 29, 1862. The three last named and John W., reside in this county. Mrs. Zearfass' grandfather, Samuel Auchmutz, served in the Revolutionary war. Mr. Zearfass had a brother who served in the late war, in the Eighteenth O. V. I., and died with camp disease. Joseph Zearfass first settled in Richland township, and bought forty acres of land for $150. Soon after settling, his house burned, and they were left without clothing or bedding. He has raised his nine children, helped them to start in life, and has a good farm and home left. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

PETER ZUCHER—son of Peter and Barbara Zucher, was born in Putnam county, January 3, 1853. He married here, February 18, 1875, Elizabeth Basinger, who was born in this county May 20, 1845, and is daughter of John B. Basinger and Elizabeth Musser. They have one child, Mary, born August 20, 1876. Mrs. Zucher had one child by a former husband, Peter Balmer, born December 27, 1872. Mr. Zucher's business is farming. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

MONROE TOWNSHIP.

JOHN BOGGS—son of Ezekiel and Eve C. (Hamey) Boggs, was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, June 24, 1809. He and Julia A., daughter of William and Margaret Snodgrass, who was born in Green county, Ohio, July 16, 1816, were married in Shelby county, June 26, 1834. They have had nine children: Harriet J., born June 27, 1836, *dead;* Ellen B., June 25, 1839, Putnam county; James M., June 29, 1842, *dead;* Elizabeth A., August 30, 1844, Allegan county, Michigan; Louisa, November 1, 1847, *dead;* Samantha, October 18, 1850, Defiance; Josephine, November 7, 1852; Clarissa A., September 3, 1856; John A., October 30, 1858, all in this county. He has held the offices of justice of the peace and township treasurer. His father and father-in-law served in the war of 1812. His son, James M., was a member of Company F, Forty-eighth Regiment O. V. I., and was disabled at the battle of Pittsburg Landing. Exposure in that battle ultimately led to his death, December 24, 1878. Occupation, farming. Address, Defiance, Ohio.

ARTHUR M. BRADFORD—son of Moses D. and Aurel O. (Oviatt) Bradford, is a teacher and farmer residing in this township. He was born, April 17, 1850, in Trumbull county, Ohio, and settled in this county in 1865. His wife, Charlotte A., daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Guy) Perrine, and who came into the county in 1849, was born in Putnam county, June 28, 1860. They were married in this county, March 10, 1878. One son, Richard E., was born November 2, 1879. He is township clerk. His brother, William, was killed in the battle of Stone River, Tennessee. His brother, Oviatt S., died in hospital at Camp Jefferson, Kentucky. Address, Rice, Putnam county, Ohio.

MRS. MIRANDA S. BRADFORD—daughter of David A. and Margaret Earnest, deceased, was born January 24, 1839, in Wood county, Ohio, and settled in this county in 1873. Her husband, Oviatt S. Bradford, son of Moses D. and Aurel Bradford, was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, November 22, 1836. They were married at Powell's Creek, Ohio, March 17, 1859, and had one child, Willie G., born January 24, 1861, *died* May 12, 1866. Her grandfather, Quigley, served in the Mexican war. Her husband died of typhoid fever at Camp Jefferson, Kentucky, January 29, 1861. Occupation, farming. Postoffice, Wisterman, Ohio.

HOADLEY M. BROWER—was born December 17, 1823, in Randolph county, North Carolina. His parents, Frederick and Helena (Staley) Brower, settled in this county in 1832. His father died May 13, 1875. His wife, Julia A., daughter of Alfred and Sarah (Steel) Moore, was born in Delaware county, Indiana, February 22, 1829, and they were married in Antwerp, Paulding county, Ohio, October 8, 18 . There are nine children: James W., born February 22, 1847; Caroline, July 2, 1848; Elmira E., May 29, 1851; Mary D., July 5, 1853; Susan E., March 19, 1855; Lydia A., August 13, 1857; Eliza J., February 2, 1859; Josias L., July 5, 1862; Daniel H., December 17, 1872. He was assessor of the township six years. His father served six months at the close of the war of 1812. His son, James W., was a member of Company G, Twelfth Ohio Cavalry, from 1863 to the close of the war. Staley Brower served during the war of the Rebellion; and Jackson Brower from 1862 until his death, at Memphis, in 1863, of camp fever. Occupation, farmer. Postoffice, Rice, Putnam county, Ohio.

W. A. CROW—son of W. R. and Beersheba (Brower) Crow, was born in Greensburg township, this county, in 1848. His grandfather, Frederick Brower, was a soldier of the war of 1812. Business, farming. Address, Rice, Putnam county, Ohio.

EPHRAIM R. EASTMAN—son of Richard K. and Christina Eastman, was born in Champaign county, Ohio, May 6, 1834, and settled in this county in 1872. He and Elizabeth E. Parrott, who was born in Fayette county, Ohio, February 10, 1853, were married October 18, 1874. Her parents, J. S. and Angeline Parrott, came to this county in 1865. There are two children: Lillie A., born September 15, 1875; and Ora M., September 21, 1877. His father, Richard K. Eastman, and his two uncles, Martin V. and Joseph Groves, served during the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, school-teaching. Address, Rice, Putnam county, Ohio.

MRS. MARTHA A. GILBERT—daughter of David and Betsey (Foote) Butler, was born, December 16, 1820, in New Haven county, Conn. Her husband, Jacob C., son of James and Ruth (Conkey) Gilbert, was born in Vermont, October 5, 1807. They were married in Portage county, Ohio, January 1, 1838, and settled in this county in 1853. They have had eight children, four of whom are living: Lucius B., born November 2, 1838, *dead;* Lucian D., September 23, 1849, *dead;* Rufus E., February 21, 1844; Martha J., August 20, 1847, *dead;* Mary E., August 9, 1849; Sarah A., July 30, 1854, *dead;* Ida M., September 15, 1859; Prosper L., July 6, 1863. Her husband has been township assessor and clerk. Her grandfather, Matthew Butler, served in the Revolutionary war seven years; also her father, David Butler, who was stationed on Long Island. Her son, Rufus, served three years in the war of the Rebellion, and participated in the battles of Resacca and Atlanta. He enlisted as a private in the One Hundred and Eighteenth O. V. I., and served to the close of the war. Occupation, farming. Postoffice, Rice, Putnam county, Ohio.

WILLIAM GUY—whose parents settled in this county in 1838, is a son of Jesse and Jane Guy, and was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, October 14, 1827. His father died in 1875 and his mother in 1854, aged respectively 82 and 61 years. His wife, Mary, daughter of David and Magdaline Troyer, who settled in this county in 1849, was born in Holmes county, Ohio, December 12, 1839. They were married in this county June 13, 1861, and have had nine children: Elizabeth E., born March 20, 1862; J. F., D. W., and N. N., sons, born respectively June 11, 1863; November 28, 1864; July 31, 1863; E. J., daughter, December 17, 1865; L. B., boy, October 19, 1873; C. M., M. D., and S. M., daughters, October 19, 1873; January 23, 1875; December 25, 1878. Occupation, farming. Address, Wisterman, Ohio.

EDWARD HEYNLEIN—son of Peter and Elizabeth (Fuhrman) Heynlein, born in the German Empire, February 7, 1827, was married in Han-

cock county, Ohio, April 1, 1861, and came to this county in 1871. His wife, Catharine, daughter of Peter and Catharine (Becker) Halfer, was born in Stark county, Ohio, September 15, 1840. They have had ten children: Edward, born June 8, 1862, *died* in 1884; William, March 7, 1864; Elizabeth A., March 18, 1865; Hannah C., January 25, 1867; Samuel, October 21, 1868; John, July 25, 1870; Adaline, August 26, 1872, *died* in 1873; Charles, May 19, 1873, *died* in 1873; Sarah E., April 29, 1875; Mary R., October, 11, 1878. His wife's brother, William Halfer, served in the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming. Address, Westerman, Putnam county, Ohio.

MICHAEL MYERS—who settled in this county in 1871, is a son of Samuel and Frances Myers, and was born in Ashland county, Ohio, February 12, 1833. His wife, Charlotte J., daughter of William and Saloma Plum, who settled in the county in 1874, was born in Bedford, Cuyahoga county, Ohio, December 25, 1840, and they were married in Ashland county, Ohio, June 8, 1865. They have a family of six children: Charles M., born April 1, 1866; Milo E., February 14, 1868; Albert A., June 16, 1870; Willie B., December 24, 1873; Theron A., February 24, 1876; Harvey E. B., July 6, 1878. Mr. Myers enlisted on the 19th of April, 1861, and served through the war of the Rebellion, receiving an honorable discharge May 27, 1865. He participated in the following battles: Phillippi, Laurel Hill, Beverley, Cheat River, all in West Virginia; Pittsburg Landing, Stone River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Gravel Hill, Buzzard's Roost, Rocky Face, Resacca, Dallas, Atlanta, Mill Springs, and Kenesaw Mountain. Occupation, farming. Address, Defiance, Ohio.

JOHN S. PARROTT—was born March 23, 1824, in Rockingham county, Virginia, and is a son of Philip and Barbara A. (Snyder) Parrott. He was married in Rockingham county, and settled in this county September 7, 1865. His wife, Angeline, is a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Dougherty) Fifer, who also came to this county in 1865, and was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, December, 1831. There are eleven children: William H., born June 4, 1849; Mary J., October 20, 1850; Perry F., March 4, 1852; Samuel R., July 4, 1854; Elizabeth E., February 10, 1856; Cynthia A., January 15, 1858; Silas E., May 23, 1860; Margaret A., April 1, 1862; John S., February 2, 1866; Harvey L., December 31, 1869; Rose E., April 8, 1870. He has been trustee of the township. His grandfather, Samuel Parrott, was in the Revolutionary war, and his father, Philip Parrott, was a corporal in the war of 1812. He was a member of Company C, Ninetieth Regiment O. V. I., in the war of the Rebellion, in which he enlisted July 23, 1862. He served as teamster, and at one time, in going down the Cumberland Mountain, a mule fell on him, severely injuring him, from which he has been disabled ever since. He was in the battles of Richmond, Kentucky; Perryville, Kentucky; Stone River, Chickamauga, and Lookout Mountain. The 1st of October, 1862, he was taken prisoner at Rock Castle River, paroled and sent to Louisville, and was exchanged in March, 1863. He was discharged from the service March 23, 1865. Occupation, farmer. Address, Rice, Putnam county, Ohio.

HOSEA B. PIERCE—justice of the peace and farmer, settled in this county in 1876. He was born in Delaware county, Ohio, December 22, 1832, and is a son of Joshua W. and Martha (Clawson) Pierce. His wife, Deborah, daughter of John and Susanna (Perdue) Thompson, was born in Delaware county, Ohio, June 25, 1836, and they were married in that county March 17, 1858. There are six children: Ella M., born July 1, 1860; Allie, December 29, 1861; Clifford C., January 30, 1864; Kent C., September 17, 1867; Orra M., June 2, 1870; Leonard, August 11, 1873. He was justice of the peace in Delaware county, Ohio, three years, and holds the same office in this township at the present time. Both his and his wife's grandfather served through the war of the Revolution. His father served through the war of 1812 under General Harrison. He and his wife also had two brothers each, all of whom served three years each in the war of the Rebellion. Another brother of his wife entered the regular army in 1850, and served five years, during which he participated in several battles with the Indians. Postoffice, Dupont, Putnam county, Ohio.

CHAUNCEY SEARLE—son of Sylvester and Sarah (Butterfield) Searle, was born in Essex county, New York, July 7, 1823, and settled in this county in 1869. His wife, Rachel, daughter of William and Mary A. (Haynes) Hovenden, was born in Ireland, June 21, 1829. They were married March 11, 1850, at Port Henry, Essex county, New York. They have had four children: Mary H., born June 24, 1852; Annie, June 24, 1855; William S., August 30, 1857; Emma J., January 20, 1865. He has been assessor of the township, and is the present postmaster of Rice, Putnam county. He was a member of the Thirtieth Infantry, New York Volunteers; enlisted September 19, 1861, and was discharged June 20, 1863, at the expiration of his term of service. His brother, Sylvester Searle, was shot at Petersburg, June, 1864. Occupation, postmaster, tanner, and currier. Address, Rice, Putnam county, Ohio.

PETER WUCHTER—son of Jacob and Mary Wuchter, was born in the kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, May 18, 1834, was married at La Porte, Indiana, November 21, 1857, and settled in this county in 1871. His wife, Fanny, daughter of Samuel and Fanny Myers, was born in Ashland county February 23, 1831. They have had nine children, born as follows: Sarah J., August 29, 1858; Jacob A., October 21, 1859; John M., September 26, 1865; Mary L., September 20, 1866; Minerva A., April 12, 1868; Eliza J., April 7, 1870; Lane A. and Kelsey (twins), November 18, 1872, last named *deceased;* Clinton O., December 29, 1877. He has served several years as trustee of the township. Business, shoemaking. Address, Rice, Putnam county, Ohio.

RILEY TOWNSHIP.

WILLIAM ALTMAN—son of Nicholas and Mary A. (Husban) Altman, was born in Richland county, January 23, 1835, and came to this county with his parents in 1837. His wife, Jane Rothen, to whom he was married here January 10, 1856, was born in Buffalo, New York, and was daughter of David Rothen and Barbara Hartmetz, who settled in the county in 1838. Children: Lydia P., born October 20, 1856; Barbara M., October 20, 1858; Abby E., born February 26, 1861, *died* January 17, 1866; Mary A., March 11, 1865; Edwin A., February 26, 1868; Homer E., June 26, 1871; Metta M., October 10, 1874; Carey O., June 12, 1879. Mr. Altman's brother, Samuel, served three years in the war of the Rebellion. Business, farming. Postoffice, Bluffton.

ALEXANDER G. ANDERSON—justice of the peace, son of Alexander and Jane Anderson, was born in New York City, August 20, 1841. His wife, Almira R., daughter of Hiram Day and Harriet Pierce, was born at Pendleton, February 8, 1845. They were married February 8, 1865, and have had five children, namely: Harriet J., born November 28, 1865; Nancy B., July 3, 1867; Thomas W., June 17, 1869; Edith A., February 24, 1873; Alexander D., born March 5, 1876, *died* February 20, 1877. Mr. Anderson has served as justice three years, and township clerk seven years. He served in the late war over three years, in the Twenty-first O. V. I., was wounded and taken prisoner at Stone River, and was for a time at Libby Prison. Postoffice, Pendleton.

ABRAHAM M. AMSTUTZ—a farmer, born in Allen county, September 20, 1844, came to Putnam county, in 1849, with his parents, John M. and Barbara Schantz Amstutz. February 10, 1867, he married Catharine Hilty, born also in Allen county, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth N. Hilty. Their children are: Peter, born February 9, 1868; Barbara, July 3, 1870; John, December 22, 1871; Elizabeth, August 26, 1873; Levina, September 14, 1875; Amos, born October 7, 1878, *died* May 17, 1879; Llewllyn, born March 5, 1880. Postoffice address, Pendleton.

CHRISTIAN D. BASINGER—a farmer of this township, settled here in 1835. He is the son of Uhlrick and Fanny Staufer Basinger, and was born in France, December 19, 1818. He married, in Wayne county, October 17, 1839, Anna, daughter of John and Anna Basinger Amstutz, and she was born in Switzerland, February 15, 1817. Nine children have been born to them, namely: Jonathan J., born August 11, 1840; Catharine, March 29, 1843; Stephen E., born January 8, 1845, *died* March 8, 1846; John M., August 12, 1846; Stephen A., May 18, 1848; Anna, born September 24, 1850, *died* March 20, 1857; David W., March 12, 1852; Christian I., September 23, 1854; Noah, September 25, 1858. Catharine and John M. reside in Allen county, the others are at home. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

JACOB C. BASINGER—a native of this county, was born February 19, 1840, son of Christian Basinger and Catharine Lugibihl, who settled here in 1834. His wife was born in Allen county, December 23, 1845, and her parents were also named Christian Basinger and Catharine Lugibihl, and came here in 1836. They were married March 9, 1867, and have seven children, namely: Tobias, born December 28, 1867; Daniel J., July 22, 1869; Persis, November 19, 1870; Catharine, May 4, 1872; David J., April 23, 1874; Elizabeth, May 13, 1876; Matilda, March 31, 1879. Mr. Basinger was drafted for service in the late war, but was released by the payment of $200. Business, farmer. Postoffice, Pendleton.

PETER C. BASINGER—and Mary Suter, his wife, began the married life December 29, 1867. He was born in this county May 18, 1842, being a son of Christian Basinger and Mary Suter. His wife was also born in the county, October 31, 1846, daughter of Christian Suter and Anna Basinger. Children: Enoch, born November 13, 1868; Martha, December 18, 1869; Anna, May 3, 1872; Dinah, November 18, 1873; Sarah, July 27, 1875; Amos O., born March 24, 1877, *died* May 19, 1877; Christian, born March 23, 1878, *died* March 28, 1878; Mary, June 21, 1879. Mr. Suter settled in Putnam county December 24, 1867. He held the office of school director one term. Business, farming. Postoffice, Pendleton.

DAVID SAMUEL BEESHY—was born in Waterloo county, Ontario, November 18, 1852, and came to this county in 1873. His father, Lewis Beeshy, was born in France, and his mother, Barbara Wanner, in Ontario. He married in Ottawa, March 11, 1875, Magdalena Bauman, born same place as her husband, daughter of Christian Bauman and Catharine Peterson. Their two children are: Isaiah B., born September 10, 1875, and Eli B., born January 5, 1879. Mr. Beeshy is a blacksmith and wagon and carriage manufacturer, with shop and office one mile east of Pendleton. Postoffice, Pendleton.

ISAAC BRACY—is a farmer, and a native of Putnam county, born November 5, 1844. His parents, John Bracy and Mary M. Bedway, came into the county in 1835. His wife, Mary A., was also born in the county, May 30, 1850. They were married here January 15, 1867. Mrs. Bracy is a daughter of Lewis N. Crawfis and Mary A. Henderson. Children: Louis J., born January 28, 1868, *deceased;* Charlie E., born November 1, 1870; Wildy P., March 10, 1872; Allcary, May 16, 1875; Mary J., February 10, 1878. Mr. Bracy served in the late war two years, in the Twelfth O. V. C., and was in several battles. Postoffice, Gilboa.

MICHAEL BRIDENBAUGH—farmer, son of Peter and Mary M. (Hiney) Bridenbaugh, who settled in this county in 1835, was born in Summit county December 15, 1820. His first marriage was November 5, 1854, to Nancy Evans, who died February 23, 1856, by whom he had one child, Nathan E., born August 14, 1855, *died* July 30, 1863. The second marriage was February 5, 1857, to Jemima Graham, and the children of this union are three: Sarah A., born January 31, 1858, *died* August 16, 1833; John D., August 2, 1862; Emma E., March 16, 1867. Mr. Bridenbaugh has held the office of county commissioner and township trustee, each six years. Both his grandfathers were in the Revolutionary war. One of his brothers was in the Mexican war, and two in the late war of Rebellion. Postoffice, Pendleton.

LEVI BURKHART—son of John and Sarah Good Burkhart, born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, May 6, 1822, settled in this county in 1854. He married in January, 1848, in her native county, Elisabeth Byers, born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, daughter of John Byers and Nancy Brenaman, who came to Putnam county in 1854. Children: John Y., born May 12, 1849; Andrew L., June 11, 1851; Naomi, April 24, 1855; Lidia A., October 21, 1858, *deceased;* Samuel, August 28, 1861; Elizabeth, December 24, 1864; Manda Ann, February 26, 1867. Occupation, farming. Postoffice, Pendleton.

JOHN Y. BURKHART—a farmer and stock-dealer, son of Levi and Elizabeth Byers Burkhart, born in Fairfield county, May 12, 1849, came here with his parents in 1854. His wife, Clara, to whom he was married December 10, 1872, was born in the county, January 10, 1850, daughter of Newton B. Thrapp and Barbara Chambers, who settled here in 1835. Children: Violet, born October 18, 1873; Lilly Estella, May 26, 1875; Or Willis, May 8, 1874; Charlie November 2, 1879. Mr. Burkhart held the office of trustee one year. Postoffice, Pendleton.

STEPHEN CARTWRIGHT—son of Joseph and Mary Frances Cartwright, born in Newcastle county, Delaware, September 26, 1802, settled in this county in 1836. He married Mahalah Thrapp, born in Morgan county, Virginia, August 5, 1802, died January 12, 1874, daughter of William and Frances Baker Thrapp. Children: William W., born June 5, 1826; Sarah, November 6, 1829; Joseph M., March 6, 1832; James F., October 14, 1833; Samuel T., December 21, 1835, *died* June 23, 1861; Amanda A., April 3, 1838; John M., February 10, 1840; Mary E., April 16, 1841; Elizabeth S., August 7, 1843, *died* April 7, 1844; Leroy S., November 16, 1846; Eliza J., March 18, 1847, *died* October 25, 1860. John M. served four years in the late war, in the Forty-ninth O. V. I., and James F. was in the Hundred Days' service. Farmer. Postoffice, Stanley.

JAMES F. CARTWRIGHT—for three years township trustee, at present land appraiser. Was born in Muskingum county, October 14, 1833, came here with his parents, Stephen and Mahala Thrapp Cartwright, in 1836. He married, March 27, 1862, Clarissa C., daughter of Ebenezer Bachellor and Sabrad Hill, and she was born in Licking county January 1, 1843. Their children, all at home, are: Ethie E., born February 3, 1863; Owen T., August 29, 1864; William W., May 29, 1867; Frank V., March 26, 1869; John O., March 24, 1872; Orton J., March 14, 1874; Sarah C., July 11, 1876; Bliss B., October 12, 1878. Mr. Cartwright served in the Hundred Days' service in the late war. His brother, John M., served in the Forty-ninth O. V. V. I., and was taken prisoner at Murfreesboro. Business, farming. Postoffice, Stanley.

MAP OF BLANCHARD TOWNSHIP

Range 8 East. Town 1 North.

MAP OF RILEY TOWNSHIP

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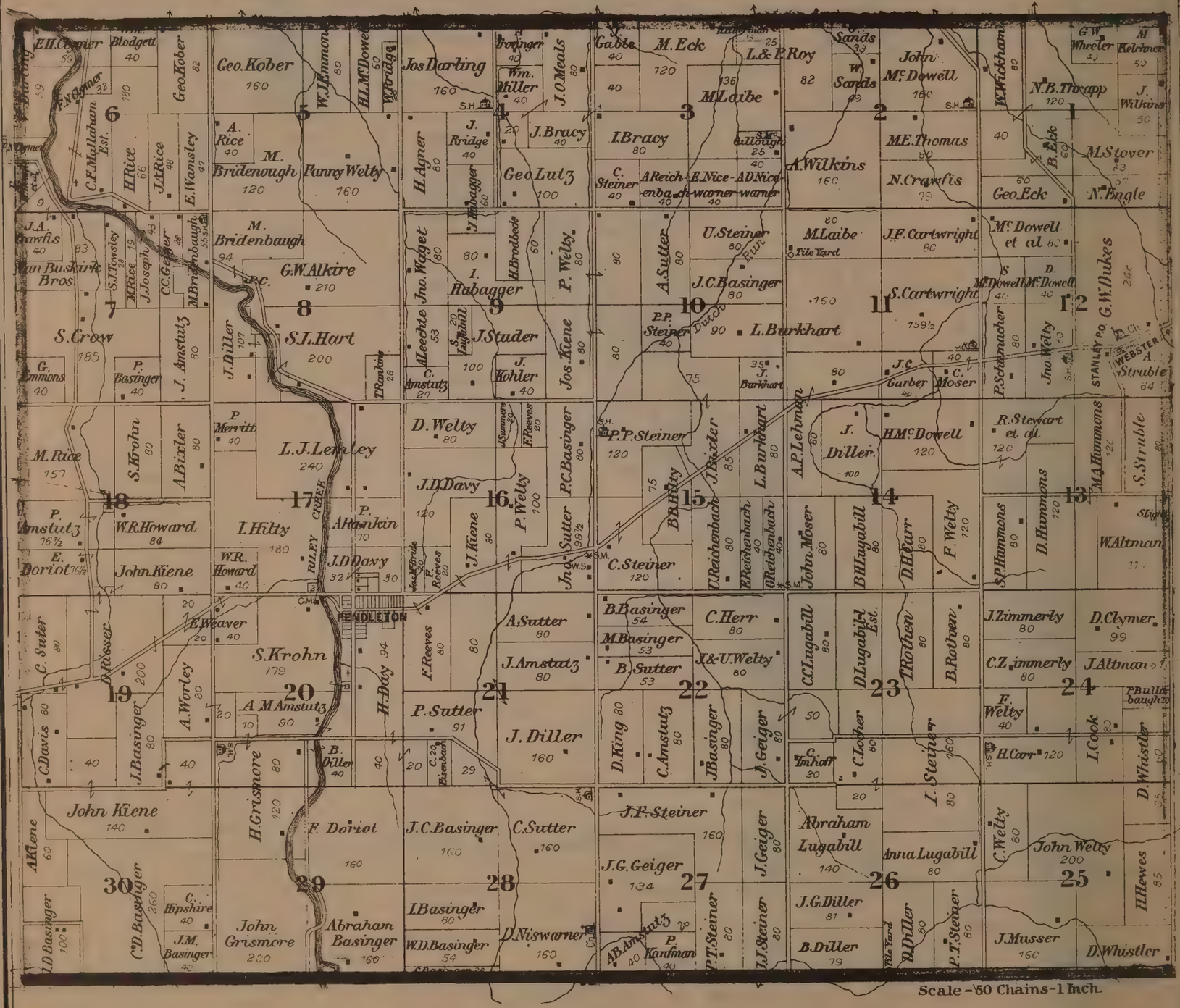


JOHN A. CRAWFIS—son of L. N. Crawfis and Mary A. Henderson, who came here in 1832, was born in this county, April 30, 1843, and married, August 17, 1869, Angeline, daughter of Fountain N. Clymer and Susan Harris, who settled here in 1864. Children: Eva S., born July 7, 1870, *died* August 21, 1870; Louis F., November 11, 1871; Banner H., November 16, 1873; Edith N., April 22, 1876. Mrs. Crawfis was born in Hancock county June 14, 1846. Mr. Crawfis served his country in the late war, was in the battle at Harper's Ferry, there taken prisoner and paroled. Business, farming. Postoffice, Ottawa.

JOSEPH DARLING—son of J. P. and Catharine Darling, came to Putnam county in 1844. Born in Richland county July 9, 1818. Married, June 11, 1840, to Sophia Grove, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Boyer Grove; she was born in Pennsylvania, April 13, 1820. Children: Elias, born October 11, 1841, *died* January 19, 1864; Abigail, June 3, 1844; Sophia A., March 7, 1847, *died* September 26, 1847; Jonathan J., June 10, 1850; Catharine E., December 31, 1855, *died* January 1, 1856; James M., August 2, 1857, *died* March 11, 1860; infant, born January 11, 1863, *died* same day. Elias served in the late war in the Ninety-ninth O. V. I., was taken prisoner at Chickamauga, sent to Libby Prison, removed to Danville, Virginia, and there died January 19, 1864. Mr. Darling has held the offices of trustee and land appraiser in his township. His father was in the war of 1812. Farmer. Postoffice, Gilboa.

DR. HIRAM DAY—settled in this county May 23, 1840. His parents, Elam Day and Almira Mansfield, came into the county in 1845; the former died in 1864, aged 71 years, the latter in 1879, aged 80 years. Dr. Day was born in Wayne county January 29, 1816. He has been married twice, the first time January 28, 1844, to Harriet Pierce, born in Kent county, England, January 4, 1822, daughter of William Pierce and Ruth Stevenson. The second marriage was November 24, 1868, to Mrs. Mary Bushong, born in Franklin county, February 2, 1833, daughter of Jacob Clover and Axy Hazel, who came here in 1834. Children by first wife: Almira Ruth, born February 8, 1845; Mary C., December 22, 1846; Lacy Ann, August 17, 1849; Hiram Marshall, March 11, 1854; Edward Mansfield, February 19, 1857; William Oliver, July 22, 1860. By the second marriage: Electa May, born September 22, 1871. Three brothers of Dr. Day were in the late war. He has had a long and successful practice as physician and surgeon at Pendleton.

JOHN D. DAVY—son of William and Phœbe Gordon Davy, was born in Carroll county, May 5, 1818, and settled here in 1850. The country was all woods at that time, and the settlers had to go to Findlay for milling, and to that place and Perrysburg for market, and would get about fifty cents per bushel for wheat. His wife, Maria, daughter of Jesse Van Buskirk and Fannie Frantz, was born in Monroe county, Pennsylvania, February 24, 1818. They married in Tuscarawas county December 3, 1840. Children: Amanda A., born September 27, 1841, *died* August 24, 1864; William, born March 23, 1844, he died in the army May 12, 1863; Jesse, born August 15, 1847; Allen D., March 5, 1850, resides in Kansas; Leroy, born May 9, 1854, *died* May 2, 1864. Business, farmer and stock-dealer. Postoffice, Pendleton.

JESSE DAVY—born in Carroll county, August 15, 1847, came to this county in 1850 with his parents, John D. and Maria Van Buskirk Davy. He married in Allen county, January 28, 1875, Harriet, daughter of John Grismore and Catharine Weaver, born July 15, 1854. Their three children are: Phœbe L., born December 21, 1875; Mary A., December 12, 1876; Adda M., April 18, 1878. Mr. Jesse Davy follows farming. His brother, William, served in the late war, in Company D, Twenty-first O. V. I., was out one year and died in 1863. Postoffice, Pendleton.

ALLEN D. DAVY—was born in Tuscarawas county, March 5, 1850, son of John D. Davy and Maria Van Buskirk. He married, in February, 1871, Anna McBride, daughter of James S. and Eliza Alexander McBride, who settled here in 1843. Their children are, Amanda Theodosia, John R. and James C. Mr. Davy is a farmer, and now resides in the State of Kansas.

BENJAMIN DILLER—was born June 24, 1845, son of Peter Diller and Barbara Suter. He settled in this county in 1845. He married, the first time, February 17, 1870, Magdalena Steiner, daughter of John F. Steiner, by whom he had one child, Susanna, born December 30, 1870. The first wife died January 18, 1871. The second marriage was August 14, 1873, to Barbara Steiner, daughter of John Steiner. Children: Menno, born June 10, 1874; Franklin P., November 5, 1875; Peter B. and John A. (twins), February 16, 1877, the latter *died* June 20, 1877; Calvin, August 25, 1879. Business, farming. Postoffice, Bluffton, Ohio.

DILLER & RECHEMBACH—farmers and tile makers. David Diller was born August 21, 1856, son of Peter Diller and Barbara Suter. Ferdinand Rechembach, born December 19, 1841. They manufacture tile from eight inches downward. Factory in Section 29, this township. Postoffice address, Bluffton.

EMILE DORIOT—was born in France, April 6, 1849, and came to this county with his parents, Frederick and Clements (Shapic) Doriot, in 1854. He married in Hillsboro, January 24, 1871, Louise Chavey, born in Highland county, November 19, 1851, daughter of Peter and Margaret Marconette Chavey. Children: Rosy M., born November 3, 1871; Ita L., born August 15, 1872, *died* September 23, 1872; Lovena, November 18, 1873; Ida, November 17, 1874; Theodore W., October 9, 1877; Otto F., November 30, 1879. Business, farming. Postoffice, Pendleton.

JOHN GABLE—son of Daniel and Sarah (Trechafer) Gable, born in Richland county, May 2, 1839, settled in this county in 1861. He married, January 7, 1864, Jerusha, daughter of Cyrus J. Mealls and Sarah A. Woodruff, and she was born here April 17, 1845. Children: James D., born September 26, 1865; Sarah C., born September 20, 1867, *died* July 4, 1874; John W., September 27, 1869; Mary L., January 20, 1871; Clara A., April 6, 1873; Jennie F., August 18, 1875; Harry, December 22, 1879. Mr. Gable served as constable a year. His brother, Jonathan, was two years and four months in the late war. Mrs. Gable's father came here in 1835.

HENRY GRISMORE—who settled here in 1836, son of John and Catharine Weaver Grismore, who came into the county in 1845, was born in Butler county October 24, 1839. He married at Oxford, Canada, January 9, 1866, Frances Genter, born in Germany, December 31, 1844, daughter of Jacob Genter and Mary M. Finkbiener. Their family consists of the following children: John, born July 25, 1867; Cory, June 27, 1869; infant son, born October 8, 1870, *died* two days later; Levi, January 6, 1872; Emma, April 1, 1873; Frederick, August 10, 1874; Oscar, June 10, 1877; Otto, June 2, 1879. Occupation, farmer. Postoffice, Pendleton.

SAMUEL L. HART—a farmer of this township, born in Wayne county, February 13, 1840, came here in 1842 with his parents, John and Mary (Mang) Hart. He has been twice married—first, February 19, 1861, to Anna Amstutz (who died February 1, 1866), daughter of Christian and Anna Burkholder Amstutz. The second marriage was April 9, 1867, to Sarah A. Kauffman, daughter of Andrew and Mary M. (Fredline) Kauffman. The second Mrs. Hart was born in Ashland county May 11, 1844. Children by first marriage: Mary A., born August 8, 1861; Christian A., December 30, 1862; John S., October 1, 1864. Mr. Hart has been a trustee of the township for three years. His brother, John, served four years in the late war, in the Twenty-first O. V. I. His father also was in the war. Fifty-seventh O. V. I., and, in the battle of Pittsburg Landing, carried General Rice, when he was wounded, off the field. Postoffice, Pendleton.

ISAAC HILTY—son of Peter Hilty and Elizabeth Neuenschwander, was born in Allen county, May 19, 1843, and came into this county in 1867. He married, December 6, 1866, Anna Blosser, who was born in this county, June 2, 1843, daughter of Henry Blosser and Catharine Basinger, who settled here in 1837. Children: Henry, born April 19, 1868; Elizabeth, November 17, 1869; Catharine, September 9, 1871; Peter, September 25, 1873; Jesse, November 22, 1875; Sarah, March 25, 1877; Mary, May 16, 1879. Mr. Hilty was treasurer of this township three years, 1867 to 1870. Business, farming. Postoffice, Pendleton.

BENJAMIN B. HILTY—son of Peter Hilty and Elizabeth Neuenschwander, was born in Allen county, March 8, 1850, and settled in this county in 1874. He married in Allen county, in 1873, Susanna Steiner, daughter of Peter Steiner and Barbara Shumacher. Children: Samuel S., born April 12, 1874; Helena, July 10, 1875; Albert, November 30, 1876; Clara (twin of Albert), *died* September 5, 1877; Edward, born July 15, 1878; Mary, December 10, 1879. Mr. Hilty is a farmer; postoffice, Pendleton.

WILLIAM R. HOWARD—His parents, David and Abigail Sanders Howard, settled here in 1836. He was born in this county August 21, 1856; married here, February 17, 1876, Margaret H. McBride, who also was born in this county, March 9, 1856, daughter of James McBride and Ann Eliza Alexander, who came here in 1843. Children: Ida A., born November 28, 1876; Russell W., born March 21, 1879. Business, farming. Postoffice, Pendleton.

DAVID HUMMON—was born in the county, July 1, 1849, and married here also, February 4, 1875, to Mary E. Wilkins, who was born in Licking county, December 25, 1851, daughter of Albert Wilkins and Harriet A. Allison, who came into the county in 1836. His parents, John Hummon and Mary A. Wininger, were married and came to settle here in 1837. The former died March 6, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. David Hummon have had three children: Everett J., born March 19, 1876; Zoe A., born May 5, 1878, *died* August 10, 1879; Bertha E., November 27, 1879. John Hummon paid a dollar per bushel for corn for bread when he came here, and it was some years before he could raise a crop on account of water and wild animals. Business, farmer and stock-dealer. Postoffice, Stanley.

FRANCIS A. KIENE—a native of France, being born there October 5, 1839, son of John and Agatha Kiene. His father was a soldier fifteen years in the French army. Mr. Kiene settled in this county in 1847, and married at Findlay, March 4, 1867, Rose A. Doriot, born in France, August 24, 1847, daughter of Frederick and Clements Shapie Doriot, who settled here in 1854. Children: Llewellyn, born March 4, 1868; Emma E., October 9, 1869; Carl, October 6, 1871; Guy, July 13, 1873; Julian, January 17, 1875; Albert, January 8, 1877; Otto, March 9, 1879. He has served two terms as justice of the peace, and two as trustee of the township. He served over three years in the late war, in Company I, Forty-ninth O. V. I., was in the battle of Shiloh, Perryville, Stone River, Liberty Gap, Chickamauga, Mission Ridege, Dallas, and at the latter was severely wounded in the left elbow joint, May 27, 1864. Business, farming. Postoffice, Pendleton.

JOSEPH KIENE—settled in the county in 1853, but his parents, Joseph and Catharine Betsinger, came here in 1851. He was born in Dannore, France, June 16, 1835, and his wife at the same place, April 16, 1841. They were married in this county May 24, 1859. Mrs. Kiene was daughter of John and Agatha Kiene, who came into the county in 1847. Children: Francis J., born September 29, 1860, *died* September 7, 1861; Francis J., December 15, 1861; George A., December 3, 1863; Anana M., December 30, 1865; Edward J., December 31, 1867; Lina A., August 24, 1870; Rosa E., December 10, 1872; Adolph L., born June 5, 1875, *died* September 23, 1875. Has held office of township trustee three years. Business, farming. Postoffice, Pendleton.

DANIEL KING—son of Nicholas King and Elizabeth Shrack, was born in Wayne county, February 1, 1837, and settled in this county in 1863. His wife, Catharine, was born in the county, June 2, 1839, being a daughter of Christian and Anna Burkholder Amstutz, who settled here in 1836. They were married May 14, 1863. Children: Mary, born October 10, 1864, *died* September 8, 1868; Elizabeth, March 27, 1866; Anna, November 15, 1867; Carolina, February 10, 1869; Sarah, December 19, 1870; Leah, April 17, 1873, *died* October 31, 1879; David, December 17, 1874; Samuel, January 12, 1877. Mr. King has been school director two terms. Business, farming. Postoffice, Pendleton.

SAMUEL KRONE—who was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, February 10, 1817, settled here with his parents in 1844. His father, George Krone, died in 1850; his mother, Margaret Fry, died January 25, 1871. Mr. Krone was twice married, and to sisters, both born in Butler county, daughters of Henry Weaver and Margaret Sarver. The first marriage, to Sarah (born September 27, 1820), on November 11, 1841; second to Magdalene (born July 3, 1837), on December 22, 1864. Children by first marriage: George W., born September 13, 1842, lives in Paulding county; Margaret, January 5, 1844; Henry, November 20, 1845; Samuel P., April 4, 1848; Elisabeth, July 29, 1849; Martin, September 17, 1853; David, November 29, 1857, *deceased;* Sarah A., June 18, 1860. Child of second marriage, Edward, born December 3, 1868. Two of the sons, George W. and Samuel P., served in the late war, in Twelfth O. V. I. Mr. Krone has been trustee of the township four years, and treasurer six years. Business, farming. Postoffice, Pendleton.

SAMUEL P. KROHN—has been township treasurer for eight years. He served over two years during the late war in the Twelfth O. V. C. Both himself and his wife are natives of Putnam county, being both born at Pendleton. He was born April 4, 1848, and his wife, Lacy A. Day, August 17, 1849. They were married December 23, 1869, and have three children, namely: Mertie Estella, born September 27, 1870; Hiram Samuel, October 10, 1875; Reno Alvin, October 14, 1877. His parents, Samuel and Sarah Weaver Krohn, came into this county in 1844, and Mrs. Krohn's parents, Hiram and Harriet Pierce Day, in 1840. Mr. Krohn is a dealer in groceries at Pendleton.

MARK LAIBE—son of Peter and Mary Florry Laibe, was born in Delle county, France, June 2, 1828, and came to this county in 1855. His wife, Catharine M. Kiene, was born in Fontaine county, France, December 28, 1828, and is an adopted daughter of Joseph Kiene and Catharine Betsinger. They were married in New York City October 19, 1851. Children: Mary A., born March 7, 1853; Edmond G., November 7, 1854; Mark, born March 12, 1856, *died* May 13, 1856; Joseph E., September 23, 1857; Peter E., July 19, 1859; John W., October 13, 1861; George C., November 11, 1863; Frank G., March 11, 1866; Eugene, born November 29, 1868, *died* the same day. Mr. Laibe does farming, smithing and carries on a tile factory. Postoffice, Gilboa.

EDMOND LAIBE—son of Peter and Catharine Kiene Laibe, was born at Buffalo, New York, November 7, 1854, and came to this county with his parents in 1855. He married here, October 19, 1876, Lany Kraft, born in this

county October 28, 1851, daughter of Joseph Kraft. This union is blest with two children, namely: Mary A., born July 9, 1877, and William E., born July 5, 1879. Business, farming. Postoffice, Gilboa.

LEROY J. LEMLEY—son of Asa and Elizabeth Evans Lemley, born July 10, 1837, settled in this county in 1871. He was born and married, as was also his wife, in Monongahela county, West Virginia. He married, February 7, 1861, Sarah J. Layton, born July 10, 1838, daughter of Peter A. and Catharine Liming Layton, and she died February 6, 1878. Children: Alice M., born May 2, 1862; Charles, April 6, 1866; Mary, December 28, 1869; Katy, born January 15, 1874, *died* September 15, 1874; Lizzie, August 31, 1875; Sarah S., born January 7, 1878, *died* August 11, 1878. Business, farming. Post-office, Pendleton.

CHRISTIAN LOCHER—a farmer of this township, son of John and Elizabeth (Burckhardt) Locher, was born in Switzerland, July 25, 1843, and settled here in 1862. He married here, March 5, 1867, Fannie Lugibill, who was born in this county, February 3, 1844, daughter of John C. and Mary Diller Lugibill. Children: Gideon, born June 16, 1868; Hiram, October 20, 1869; Ephraim, June 20, 1871; Mary, June 2, 1873; Elia, February 27, 1875; Cyrus; March 8, 1877; Samuel, January 12, 1880. Postoffice, Bluffton, Allen county.

GEORGE LUTZ—son of John Lutz and Louisa Leas, was born in Maryland, December 25, 1811, and settled in this county in 1854. Mr. Lutz served in the Mexican war and participated in several battles. He also served his country in the late war, and was in a number of engagements. His father was a soldier in the war of 1812, passing through many battles without even a wound. George Lutz has been married four times. The first wife was Rebecca Treasner; the second, Usteana Weaver; the third, Godlove Waterman. His fourth marriage was January 16, 1879, to Mary C. Jones, born in Clark county March 4, 1836. The children of the second marriage are: Louisa, Mary (*deceased*), Catharine, Simeon, John, George W., Sarah, Emeline, Ellen (*deceased*). Of the third, Nancy D., Noah. Occupation, farming. Post-office, Pendleton.

JOHN T. MALLAHAN—born in Hancock county, May 27, 1853, came to this county, in 1872, with his parents, Charles F. and Jane Downing Mallahan. His father died December 30, 1877. J. T. Mallahan married, November 5, 1876, Rebecca A. Carr, born in this county, November 7, 1856, daughter of Jacob M. Carr and Elizabeth Sawmiller. Children: Norvil, born August 11, 1877; Chloe L., December 30, 1878. His father was elected commissioner of the county in 1877, and died before taking the office. His grandfather and John Downing was under command of General Hull when he surrendered at Detroit, and saw General Cass break his sword rather than surrender it to the British. Business, farming. Postoffice, Ottawa.

JOHN McBRIDE—a blacksmith of Pendleton, was born in the township in 1845, son of James and Eliza Alexander McBride, who settled here in 1843. His wife was Elizabeth Snyder, daughter of Jacob C. and Frances Baker Snyder, was born in Hancock county in 1852. They were married in 1870. Children: Harvey, born March 14, 1871; James, May 20, 1873; Blanche M., June 4, 1875; Bessie A., December 23, 1877. John McBride enlisted in September, 1863, in Company G, Twelfth Ohio Cavalry, and served to the close of the war. His brother, James, served in Company D, One Hundred and Twenty-first O. V. I., and was killed at Chickamauga.

JAMES O. MEALLS—a farmer, son of Cyrus J. Mealls and Sarah A. Woodruff, who came to this county in 1841, was born in the county July 13, 1843. His wife, Sarah C. Williams, daughter of John Williams and Sarah Barkdall, was born in Carroll county, January 17, 1845. They were married in Allen county July 4, 1866. Children: James O., born July 31, 1837; Jennie, July 23, 1869; Birt E., November 4, 1871; Lucy L., September 17, 1877. Both maternal grandfathers, Woodruff and Barkdall, served in the war of 1812. Mr. Mealls served his country in the war of Rebellion, Ninety-ninth O. V. I., three years; was in the battles of Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Goldsboro and Rocky Face; was discharged at Saulsbury, North Carolina, June 26, 1865. Postoffice, Gilboa.

PETER MERRITT—son of Jacob and Elizabeth Yocko Merritt, who came to this county in 1850, was born in Stark county August 6, 1839. He married here, December 12, 1859, Anna M. Dennis, who was born in Knox county, May 19, 1845, and is daughter of Benjamin F. Dennis and Olive Birdsall, who settled here in 1838. They have three children: Jacob F., born September 13, 1870; John W., October 31, 1873; Benjamin M., May 10, 1876. Mr. Merritt served six months in the late war. He is by occupation a farmer. Postoffice, Pendleton.

DANIEL NEUENSCHWANDER—one of the earliest settlers in the county, was born in Alsace, France, August 31, 1812, and came into this county in September, 1833. His father, Michael, born in Switzerland, settled in Wayne county in 1822. His mother, Anna Ernst, was a native of France. He was married in Wayne county, August 11, 1834, to Mary Amstutz, who was born in Alsace, France, February 9, 1815, daughter of Uhlrich and Veronica (Diller) Amstutz, who settled here in 1834. This pioneer couple have had a patriarchal family of twelve children, namely: Anna, John (*deceased*), Barbara (*deceased*), Daniel (*deceased*), Catharina (*deceased*), Mary, Emanuel (*deceased*), Veronica (*deceased*), Catharine, November 11, 1850; Benjamin, March 23, 1853; Christina, Emanuel (*deceased*). Mr. Neuenschwander cut the first tree on his land of any white man. He had to go to Sandusky to market, and to Maumee for milling; to pay $11 per barrel for flour, and $15 a barrel for salt. He has lived to see wonderful changes in the country. He still follows farming. Postoffice, Bluffton, Allen county.

DAVID RISSER—was born in Germany, April 5, 1840, son of Abraham and Catharine (Sunzenich) Risser, and came to this county in 1866. His wife, Margaret, daughter of Samuel Krone and Sarah Weaver, who came here in 1844, was born in Butler county January 5, 1844. They were married May 24, 1866. Children: Samuel E., born June 30, 1867, *died* September 7, 1837; George W., October 30, 1868; William M., March 29, 1871; Minnie A., April 27, 1873; Irene, born August 1, 1874, *died* November 5, 1879; Jacob A., born December 15, 1876, *died* August 21, 1877; Elizabeth, July 15, 1878. Mrs. Risser's grandfather, Weaver, served in the war of 1812. Mr. Risser served four years and eight months in the late war, in the Third New York Cavalry. Business, farming and stock-raising. Postoffice, Columbus Grove.

HOLLIS B. RICE—was born in this county, December 11, 1846, his parents, Moses and Amy Dunshay Rice, coming here in 1833. He married here March 25, 1869, Samantha Mills, born in this county, April 12, 1849, daughter of Almeron M. Mills and Calista Bunce, who settled here in 1847. Children: Charles A., born January 17, 1870, *died* February 14, 1870; John E., December 22, 1872; Nellie M., August 31, 1874; Amy A., August 1, 1876; Moses A., born August 28, 1878, *died* November 21 of same year; Myron J., October 28, 1879. Occupation, farmer. Postoffice, Pendleton.

JAMES RIDGE—son of William Ridge and Harriet A. Catleet, born in Richland county, October 15, 1850, came to this county the same year. He married in this county, September 4, 1874, Myra Agner, born August 15, 1851, daughter of James Agner and Sarah Connett, who settled here in 1833. They have three children: John W., born June 1, 1875; Alla M., February 26, 1876; Stella A., February 5, 1879. Business, farming. Postoffice, Gilboa.

WELINGTON SANDS—was born in this county, February 28, 1853, son of Solomon and Elizabeth Emans Sands, who came here in 1836. His wife, Rebecca, also born in the county, November 24, 1852, is a daughter of George Agner and Elizabeth Sackett, who settled here in 1833. They were married April 16, 1874. Children: Ella Almeda, born May 17, 1875; Eva Almira, born February 3, 1877, *died* September 3, 1877; Sadie Elizabeth, September 2, 1878. Occupation, farming. Address, Gilboa.

PETER P. STEINER—son of Peter Steiner and Barbara Shumacher, was born in Allen county December 28, 1845. In the same county he married, March 7, 1867, Elizabeth Lugibihl, who was born in this county, September 19, 1844, daughter of Christian and Barbara Hilty Lugibihl. They have three children: Helena, born May 11, 1868; Noah, August 22, 1870; Mary, March 18, 1873. Mr. Steiner is a farmer. Postoffice, Pendleton.

ISAAC STEINER—was born in Wayne county, March 16, 1830, son of John and Elizabeth (Stauffer) Steiner, who came into this county in 1836. Has been twice married. First, March 20, 1851, to Nancy Thut, daughter of John Thut and Jane Bechtel, and she died August 24, 1855. Children by first marriage: John W., born February 22, 1852, lives in Allen county; Andrew T., April 1, 1853, resides in Van Wert county; Christine T., November 10, 1854, lives at Ada. The second marriage was, February 21, 1856, to Mary P., daughter of David and Barbara Harmatz Rothen. Children: David W., born November 21, 1856; Theophilus R., December 1, 1858; Samuel G., July 22, 1861; Eli C., January 16, 1864; infant daughter, born March 1, 1866, *died* same day; Isaac F., November 3, 1867; Emma J., born June 6, 1871, *died* May 5, 1874; Oliver S., January 16, 1874. Occupation, minister and farmer. Post-office, Bluffton, Allen county.

CHRISTIAN STEINER—settled in this county April 12, 1860. He was born in Allen county, January 25, 1833, son of Peter Steiner and Barbara Shumacher. He married, November 3, 1859, in Allen county, Magdalena Lugibihl, born in this county, December 23, 1840, daughter of Christian Lugibihl and Barbara Hilty. They have eleven children, all living and all at home, namely: David C., born September 16, 1860; Samuel C., October 30, 1861; Susanna, July 7, 1863; Gideon C., October 23, 1864; Elizabeth, November 1, 1866; Peter C., December 7, 1868; Elias C., February 4, 1871; Barbara, March 23, 1873; Christian C., November 19, 1874; Sarah, December 10, 1877; Mary, October 6, 1879. Mr. Steiner has been a school director in his township for six years. Business, farming. Postoffice, Pendleton.

PETER T. STEINER—son of John F. Steiner and Barbara Habbeger, who settled here in 1834, was born December 30, 1841. He was first married, April 26, 1834, to Magdalena Diller, who died April 23, 1866. Children of first marriage: Louis, born March 2, 1865; infant daughter, born April 19, 1866, *died* same day. The second marriage was December 12, 1867, to Fannie Shoemaker. Children: Reuben, born September 25, 1869; Sarah, March 16, 1871; Susanna, August 10, 1872; Lydia, November 28, 1873; John, July 11, 1875; Peter, April 21, 1877, *died* August 30, 1878; infant son, born December 19, 1878, *died* same day. Mr. Steiner follows farming. Postoffice, Bluffton.

DANIEL STOVER—one of the early settlers here, coming in 1835, *died* April 28, 1852. His business was teaching and threshing. He was born in Piqua, December 25, 1803, and was son of Christopher and Sarah Stover. He married, in Wyandotte county, Catharine Clabaugh, who was born in Muskingum county, February 19, 1817, daughter of Henry and Rebecca (Miller) Clabaugh. Children: George V., born June 30, 1836, *died* May 27, 1864; Barbara J., born June 23, 1838, *died* February 24, 1842; Amasa F., born June 16, 1840, *died* February 20, 1842; Amasa J., born June 12, 1842, *died* March 28, 1872; Harriet J., May 8, 1844; Mary C., January 7, 1848; Minerva A., September 16, 1849; Cordelia M., December 28, 1850. George and Amasa served in the late war, in the Forty-ninth O. V. I. George was four years in the service, and died of a wound received at the battle of Dalton. Mr. Stover was justice of the peace one year. His grandfather served in the war of 1812. Postoffice of the family, Stanley.

PETER SUTER—son of Christian and Catharine Barner Suter, was born in Alsace, France, May 4, 1823, and came into this county in 1839. He married in the county, October 22, 1846, Magdalena, daughter of Christian and Magdalena Suter, and she was born in Virginia, July 22, 1826. Children: Benjamin, born July 11, 1849; Catharine, December 8, 1851; Fanny, September 26, 1854; Mary, August 29, 1856, *died* January 9, 1857; Noah, August 19, 1859; Mary, September 8, 1862; Peter P., June 19, 1864. Mr. Suter endured the hardships of the early settlers, cleared eighty acres of land for others, and then started in the woods for himself, but he is now living comfortably. Business, farming. Postoffice, Pendleton.

ABRAHAM SUTER—born in Wayne county, March 20, 1828, son of John and Catharina Moser Suter, settled in this county in 1849. He married, May 1, 1856, Elizabeth Lugibihl, who was born in the county, April 23, 1836, daughter of John C. and Mary Diller Lugibihl. Children: John A., born March 2, 1857; Mary, January 6, 1859; Peter A., October 12, 1860; Barbara, April 6, 1863; Catharina, July 3, 1864; Fanny, September 11, 1866; Susanna, April 14, 1868; Magdalena, December 5, 1870; Elizabeth, September 21, 1872; Jacob, September 25, 1874; Sarah, May 5, 1878. Business, farming. Post-office, Pendleton.

CHRISTIAN SUTER—a native of France, was born August 16, 1823, son of Christian Suter and Magdalena Stiner. He married in this county, September 18, 1845, Anna Basinger, born in France, November 10, 1823, daughter of Christian Basinger and Fanny Shoemaker. Children: Mary, born October 31, 1846; Fanny, born February 10, 1849, *died* March 21, 1853; Magdalena, October 1, 1850; Elizabeth, August 23, 1852; David D., April 14, 1854; Peter C., January 11, 1857; Sarah, January 10, 1860; Adam, September 27, 1862; Anna, January 25, 1865. Business, farming. Postoffice, Pendleton.

JOHN W. THOMAS—son of William S. Thomas and Matilda E. Timmons, was born in Ross county, February 16, 1854, and came here with his parents in 1861. He married, April 20, 1879, Ellen Miller, born in Hancock county, August 14, 1861, daughter of Alexander and Melissa Wise Miller. His brother, James F., was born January 10, 1860. Their father served in the late war, in the Hundred Days' service. Business, farming. Postoffice, Gilboa.

NEWTON BAKER THRAPP—farmer, settled on his present farm March, 1839, and endured all the privations of pioneer life. He was born in Muskingum county, June 20, 1812, son of William B. Thrapp and Rachel Camp, who came into the county in 1835. His wife, Mrs. Barbara Thrapp, whose parents, Matthew Chambers and Mary Radabaugh, settled here in 1838, was born in Muskingum county May 5, 1815. They were married in this county January 31, 1839. Children: Mary E., born October 5, 1836, resides in Warren county, Iowa; Milton E., born January 8, 1840, *died* October 20, 1863; Rachel, September 29, 1841, lives in Kansas; Orville B., February 14, 1844, now at Gilboa; Earl S., June 28, 1847, of Columbus Grove; Clara, January 10, 1850, lives in Riley township. Mr. Thrapp has served for several years as township

trustee, also on board of agriculture. His sons, Milton and Orville, served in the late war, in Ninety-Ninth O. V. I. The former was wounded at Chickamauga, and died in hospital at Nashville, October 20, 1863. Postoffice, Gilboa.

DAVID E. THRAPP—was born in this county, October 1, 1849, and is a son of Marcus L. Thrapp and Sarah Burkham, who settled here in 1835. He married here, January 20, 1877, Naomi Burkhart, daughter of Levi Burkhart and Elizabeth Byers, who came into the county in 1854. Their child, Allie M., was born October 4, 1878. Mr. Thrapp's grandfather, Thrapp, was a soldier in the war of 1812. Business, farming. Postoffice, Pendleton.

ALBERT O. TROVINGER—settled in this county in 1876. He is a son of John and Esther (Neel) Trovinger, and was born in Licking county February 8, 1853. He married here, March 3, 1877, Julia M. Osborn, who was born in the county, November 6, 1858, daughter of Albert C. Osborn and Sarah J. Summerland. They have one child, John F., born August 26, 1879. Occupation, farming. Postoffice, Gilboa.

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP.

NICHOLAS E. ALFORD—son of Samuel N. and Sarah J. Alford, was born in this county, March 12, 1853. Business, saloon and billiard parlors. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

CYRUS ASH—druggist in Belmore, is a son of Josiah and Nancy (Beidler) Ash, and was born in Holmes county, Ohio, June 21, 1844. He settled in this county in 1873, and was married in Virginia, May 9, 1877. His wife, Julia, is a daughter of Francis and Susan (Petit) Moschler, and was born in Wayne county, Ohio, July 15, 1855. He is the present corporation treasurer of Belmore, having been elected in April, 1879, to serve three years. His relative, Joseph Ash, served three years in the war of the Rebellion. Mr. Ash received his education at Greensburg Seminary, Summit county, and Smithville, Wayne county, and at the age of twenty took charge of the schools at Mount Eaton, Wayne county, where he taught three years; next at Dundee, Tuscarawas county; Pleasant Grove, Cedar Valley, Custar, Grand Rapids, and Belmore, where he taught successfully for three years. Address, Belmore, Ohio.

ANDREW J. BECKFORD—who was born in Licking county, Ohio, March 28, 1831, was a son of James and Catharine (Leverson) Beckford, and came to this county in 1837. His wife, Mary Jane, is a daughter of Charles and Catharine (Flickinger) Bennett, and was born in Wayne county December 11, 1835. They were married in this county, December 16, 1852, and have had five children: Andrew N., born February 22, 1854, *died* March 8, 1855; Martha Ann, July 23, 1855; William Alexander, January 26, 1859; Cornelia Jane and Cornelius Jackson (twins), June 12, 1862, the latter *died* December 6, 1863. Andrew J. Bickford, before his enlistment, had been supervisor one year. His brother-in-law, John J. F. Bennett, and himself both sacrificed their lives for their country in the war of the Rebellion. They were members of the Sixty-Fifth Regiment O. V. I. Bennett was wounded at the battle of Chickamauga, and died January 15, 1864. Mr. Beckford was captured in that battle, and carried to Libby Prison, where he died December 2, 1863. His widow resides on the farm. Address, Belmore, Ohio.

ABRAHAM BLAUVELT—son of Isaac and Anna (Sarch) Blauvelt, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, March 10, 1818, was married at Jefferson, Franklin county, Ohio, September 30, 1841, and settled in this county in September, 1863. His wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Keepers) Baldwin, whose parents are deceased, was also born in Muskingum county, Ohio, April 13, 1818. They have had a family of six sons, whose births are as follows: Isaac E., August 17, 1842; Madison M., December 26, 1843, *died* January 4, 1879; Abraham B., August 22, 1845, *died* May 9, 1855; Johnson, October 21, 1846; Franklin, January 29, 1855; Amos Baldwin, December 17, 1858. Both grandfathers of his wife were in the war of the Revolution. His father was in the war of 1812. His son, Isaac E., enlisted in the Sixty-Seventh Regiment O. V. I., in the war of the Rebellion, and was wounded on James River, in 1864. Occupation, farming. Address, Belmore, Ohio.

MARTIN V. BOWMAN—was born January 20, 1836, and removed with his parents, Peter and Susan (La Mott) Bowman, to this county, in 1846. His wife, Annie, daughter of Elvington A. and Lydia Ann (Godfrey) Hull, was born June 10, 1838, in this county, where they were also married September 14, 1865. They have had eight children: Peter, born September 9, 1869, *died* January 17, 1871; Lydia J., March 27, 1871; Martin Luther, October 14, 1872; James C., January 18, 1880. He has served as township treasurer and assessor. Was a member of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Regiment O. V. I., in the war of the Rebellion, and participated in a number of hard-fought battles. Occupation, farming. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

PETER J. BOWMAN—was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1832, and was married in this county December 29, 1872. His wife, Mary, is a daughter of Joseph Statler, and they have three children: Guy, Lenore, and John. He has been recorder of the county six years, and justice of the peace three years. Postoffice, Leipsic, Ohio.

WILLIAM E. BOWMAN—son of William and Mary Bowman, was born April 20, 1829, in Pike county, Ohio, and came to this county in 1862. He has been twice married; the second time in Wood county, January 14, 1877. His present wife was Mrs. Mary E. Clark, daughter of Elmers W. and Christina (Hartman) Beardsley, and she was born in Hancock county, Ohio, September 17, 1854. There are six children by his first marriage: Leander G., Mary C., Annie E., William P., Ruth, and Joseph E. His wife had two children by her first marriage: Luther W., born January 6, 1872; William H., February 6, 1874. There is one child by the present marriage, Harry, born November 3, 1878. He has been township supervisor and school director over six years. His wife's grandfather, Beardsley, was mail carrier for the American forces during the war of 1812. Occupation, farming and stock raising. Address, Belmore, Ohio.

JAMES BOYER—was born in Snyder county, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1827. He is a son of Jacob and Annie (Hummel) Boyer. He was married at New Berlin, Union county, Pennsylvania, August 31, 1852, and came to this county in 1865. His wife, Rebecca, daughter of Christian and Margaret (Frey) Karr, was born September 28, 1828, in Snyder county, Pennsylvania. They have had ten children: Christian, born March 26, 1853; Mary M., June 3, 1854, *deceased;* Cyrus and Silas (twins), May 28, 1855; Hannah M., September 15, 1856; David H., May 21, 1858; Moses, September 4, 1859; Catharine R., July 3, 1862; William H., March 3, 1836; Emma G., March 2, 1869. Occupation, farming. Address, Belmore, Ohio.

JOHN MICHAEL BRECHT—an industrious farmer of this township, was born in Seneca county, Ohio July 25, 1845, and removed with his parents, Michael and Elizabeth (Black) Brecht, to this county in 1849. His wife, Mary Jane, daughter of John and Mary (Gingle) Pingle, was born in Germany, August 15, 1849, and they were married at Findlay, April 9, 1868. They have five children: John F., born August 1, 1869; Jemima A., March 11, 1871; Curtis E., March 1, 1873; Elmer, March 1, 1875; Verty May, July 24, 1877; Harley J., November 20, 1879. He served in the war of the Rebellion as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Eighty-second Regiment O. V. I., from September 24, 1864, until the close of the war. Address, McComb, Hancock county, Ohio.

J. L. BURKHOLDER—harness and saddlery manufacturer, at Leipsic, Ohio, whose parents, Joseph L. and Barbara (Herman) Burkholder, are both dead, was born in York, Pennsylvania, May 27, 1833, and settled in this county in 1861. He has been twice married. His first wife was Christina J. Leffler, who was born in Hocking county, Ohio, February 29, 1844, and who was the mother of three of his children, born as follows: William H., February 13, 1866; Joseph S., November 27, 1867; Emma R., March 19, 1870, *died* August 9, 1870. His second wife, Mary Ann, daughter of Absalom and Martha (Baker) Butler, was born in Richland county, Illinois, December 20, 1842, and they were married at Leipsic, Ohio, October 13, 1871. They have one child, Charles E., born March 31, 1877. He was township clerk of Liberty township from 1865 to 1869; and justice of the peace three years in this township. During the Revolution his great grandfather, John Burkholder, was Captain in a Pennsylvania regiment eight years. J. L. Burkholder served in the war of the Rebellion in the 49th Regiment O. V. I. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

WILLIAM E. CADDY—physician and surgeon, son of Charles and Mary Ann (Dyer) Caddy, whose parents came to this county in 1849, was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, December 26, 1833, and came to this county in 1850. His wife, Mary, daughter of Hugh and Nancy McDowell, was born in Licking county, Ohio, March 10, 1833. They were married in Gilboa, this county, May 4, 1854. Six children complete the family circle: Almira E., born February 20, 1855, resides at Gilboa; Minerva C., November 27, 1856, at Leipsic; Chester, July 30, 1859, at Gilboa; Emma J., July 30, 1861, at Gilboa; James B., May 23, 1863; Clotell, July 7, 1867. His grandfather, Dyer, served in the war of the Revolution, and his wife's grandfather, McDowell, in the war of 1812. Three of Mr. Caddy's relatives were in the war of the Rebellion—A. B. Caddy, in a battery of artillery, was injured by an accidental discharge of a gun, from which he died in 1862; Captain Robert D. Caddy was killed at the battle of Chickamauga; Charles Caddy was taken prisoner at Chickamauga, and was nine months in Andersonville. Address, Belmore, Ohio.

WILLIAM K. CAMPBELL—son of James and Rebecca (Gardner) Campbell, was born in Perry county, Pennsylvania, October 30, 1823, and has been twice married. He came to this county near the close of 1850. His first wife, Julia Ann, was a daughter of John and Barbara (Gardner) Reding, and was born in Perry county, Pennsylvania, also. They were married in Crawford county, Ohio, April 25, 1844, and four children were the result of the union: Alpheus R., born March 9, 1850; Lenora C., October 11, 1851; William S., December 21, 1853; Rebecca B. J., May 25, 1859. His second marriage was with Mrs. Sarah J. Jenner, his present wife, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Hardesty) Traub. They have two children, twins, Mark T. and Mattie F., born July 7, 1878. He has served as justice of the peace three years, and as township clerk seven years. A relative, Samuel Smith, served in the war of 1812, and was present at Hull's surrender. Mr. Campbell was a member of the One-Hundred-and-Fiftieth Regiment O. V. I., and participated in several battles in the Shenandoah Valley. Benjamin F. Campbell, a relative, was a member of the Fourth Ohio Cavalry, was engaged in seventy-two battles and skirmishes, and accompanied Sherman's army to Washington. Occupation, farming and stock-raising. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

JOHN A. DAVIS—one of the school directors of the township, is a son of John and Margaret (Berry) Davis, and was born in this county, April 20, 1844. His parents settled in this township in 1835. By a former marriage he had two children: Everett L., born November 8, 1867, and Emmett L., November 6, 1876, *died* November 23, 1877. His present wife was Mrs. Jennie Pettys, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Keller) Handgen, who was born in this county, January 11, 1856. They were married at Leipsic, Ohio, April 20, 1879. By her first marriage she has two children: Hindia N. L., born June 26, 1874, and John, September 14, 1875. Mr. Davis served through the war of the Rebellion in the Twenty-First Regiment O. V. I., and went through with Sherman to the sea, having participated in a number of battles. Relatives of his served as follows: George W. Davis was wounded at the battle of Stone River, taken prisoner at Chickamauga, taken to Andersonville and died there after being a prisoner nearly a year; Wm. Davis participated in a number of battles, and died at Alexandria in 1865. Occupation, farming. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

NICHOLAS D. DAVIS—a farmer and stock-raiser of this township, was born in Hancock county, Ohio, October 5, 1844. His parents are Alfred and Nancy (Houchin) Davis, and he settled in this county in October of 1869. His wife, Annie E., daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Pugh) Van Gilder, was born May 4, 1845, in Stark county, Ohio. They were married in Lucas county, Iowa, September 28, 1869, and three children bless the union: Cara L., born November 14, 1870; Orion T., April 14, 1872; Cloyd M., June 7, 1879. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

WALTER S. DAY—is one of the enterprising business men of Leipsic, Ohio, having been engaged in the mercantile and produce trade since 1871. He was born in Monson, Massachusetts, December 28, 1848, and came to the county in 1865. His parents were Alvin Day and Olive M. Stebbins. His wife, Mary D., is a daughter of Nathan S. Coats and Margaret J. Spankler—they came to the county in 1864. She was born in Hancock county, June 20, 1845. They were married at Okomos, Michigan, September 13, 1870. One son cements the union, Leroy W., born September 21, 1871. Mr. Day has held the office of township treasurer two years.

JOHN E. DILLON—a farmer and stock-raiser in this township, is a son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (McGarr) Dillon, and was born in Stark county, Ohio, October 6, 1841. With his parents he settled in this county in 1851. His wife, Annie C., daughter of Samuel and Barbara Ann (Rader) Hashbarger, was born October 4, 1841, in Hancock county, Ohio, and they were married in Henry county, Ohio, January 13, 1868. There are six children: John A., born December 8, 1868; George L., November 13, 1870, *died* December 14, 1870; Ollie E., March 20, 1872; William A., July 27, 1875; Reason W., January 19, 1877; Emma M., November 20, 1879. His relative, William Dillon, was a musician in the war of 1812. John E. Dillon served throughout the war of the Rebellion, as a member of the Fourteenth Regiment O. V. I., three months, next in the Thirty-Eighth Regiment O. V. I., and also in connection with the veteran corps. He participated in more than a dozen famous battles, and was with the army in Sherman's march to the sea. Address, Belmore, Ohio.

ELIJAH DOUTY—was born in Hancock county, Ohio, January 11, 1849, his parents, John and Margaret (Walters) Douty, being among the early settlers of that county. His wife, Hannah Jane, daughter of George W. and Aerie (Helpman) Rinehart, was also born in Hancock county, March 21, 1853. They were married in that county, August 10, 1871, and came to this county

in 1872. They have three children: Byron D., born May 16, 1872, and George W., December 9, 1876; John H., January 7, 1880. When he first came to this county he built a planing-mill at Leipsic, and did a general lumber and shingle business. He afterwards engaged at Napoleon in the sale of agricultural implements, and, returning to this county, he is now extensively engaged in cutting and shipping hardwood lumber at Oakdale. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

THOMAS W. EDWARDS—son of Walter and Hannah (Heed) Edwards, was born, July 27, 1823, in Belmont county, Ohio, and settled in this county in 1861. His wife, Isabella, daughter of Joseph and Rachel (Williams) Huston, was born February 21, 1830, in Knox county, Ohio. They were married in Licking county, Ohio, February 25, 1847, and have had seven children: William W., born December 19, 1847: John, January 27, 1850; Joseph H., October 15, 1852; Mary E., March 17, 1855; Sade J., January 29, 1858; David, October 23, 1860, *died* February 5, 1865; James E., March 5, 1864, *died* January 5, 1865. His father served in the war of 1812, and was in Hull's surrender. Business, farming. Post-office, Leipsic.

WILLIAM W. EDWARDS—farmer and general stockdealer of this township, is a son of Thomas W. and Isabella (Huston) Edwards, who settled in this county in 1861. He was born in Licking county, Ohio, December 19, 1847. His wife, Alice J., daughter of Kirk Johnson, was born October 13, 1856, in Wayne county, Ohio. Her mother's maiden name was Brown. They were married at Columbus Grove, in 1878, and have one child, Claude E., born February 9, 1879. By his first marriage he has one daughter, Lillie D., born June 18, 1871. Post-office, Leipsic, Ohio.

BYRON C. FOLK—proprietor of the Exchange Hotel and livery stable, at Leipsic, was born in Morrow county, Ohio, October 5, 1849, and accompanied his parents, Lorenzo and Calista (Adams) Folk, to this county in 1855. His wife, Jennie E., daughter of John and Julia (Thrapp) Randall, was born in Hancock county, Ohio, March 24, 1856. They were married at McComb, Ohio, July 31, 1873, and have one child, Emmet, born August 16, 1875. Post-office, Leipsic, Ohio.

JACOB FOLK—son of Jacob and Sarah (Searfoss) Folk, was born July 5, 1841, in Hancock county, Ohio, was married in that county, March 17, 1867, and came to this county in 1874. His wife, Sarah, daughter of Ebenezer and Elmira (Allard) McIntire, was born in Hancock county, June 5, 1847. They have six children: Ida D., born July 27, 1868; Effie M., July 9, 1869; Florence B., October 10, 1871; George L., March 18, 1873; Amelia G., October 27, 1875; Albert, September 18, 1878. A relative, Andrew J. Folk, served through the war of the Rebellion, and accompanied Sherman's army in its march to the sea. Occupation, farming. Address, Belmore.

EZRA D. GALLOGLY—whose parents, Wesley and Malinda (Dye) Gallogly, came to this county in 1870, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, October 2, 1850. He settled here with his parents, and carries on a meat market. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

J. D. HADERMANN—watchmaker and jeweler, and dealer in watches, clocks and jewelry, at Leipsic, Ohio, whose parents were John David and Christina M. (Knoedler) Hadermann, was born in Wurtemburg, Germany, June 26, 1836, and settled in this county in 1873. His first wife was Mary C. Boehmer, who was born in Germany. They were married at Norwalk, Ohio, June 8, 1860, and had two children: William J., born April 10, 1862; George, November 30, 1864, *died* July 25, 1865. His present wife, Barbara, daughter of John and Barbara (Hach) Wahrheit, born in Rhine, Bavaria, August 7, 1841, was married to him at Sandusky, Ohio, January 31, 1865. They have a family of five children: David H., born June 19, 1867; Christina L., March 28, 1869; Ida M., September 16, 1871; E. J., December 9, 1872; Frank W., October 18, 1875. A brother of his was in the Mexican war, and reported among the missing. He has been mayor of Carey, Ohio; corporation treasurer of Leipsic, Ohio, for three terms; school treasurer of that school district for three terms, and is also notary public. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

ABRAM HARPST—was born September 20, 1831, in York county, Pennsylvania, and is a son of George and Christina (Stambaugh) Harpst. He was married September 20, 1855, and settled in this county in 1865. His wife, Kate L., daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Lehman) Detwiler, was born October 16, 1834, in Franklin county, Pennsylvania. They have seven children: Lizzie A., born April 9, 1857; Mary A., March 25, 1859; Samuel D., December 26, 1861; John W., November 10, 1864; Carrie F., December 21, 1867; Homer H., August 31, 1873; Arthur E., December 11, 1878. His wife's relative, Isaac Detwiler, was killed at the battle of Stone River. Another relative, Solomon Detwiler, served three years and seven months in the war of the Rebellion. Business, farming. Address, Belmore, Ohio.

PHILIP HATHORN—was born in Switzerland, July 15, 1828, and served five years in the Fifty-eighth regiment of the Swiss army. His parents were Christian and Julia M. Hathorn, who both died in Switzerland. His wife, Christina, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Buck) Meyers, was born November 14, 1840, in Hancock county, Ohio. They were married at Findlay, Ohio, July 19, 1856, and settled in this county in 1874. They have had nine children: Louisa H., born June 29, 1857, *died* August 16, 1875; Elizabeth, January 4, 1859, *died* January 6, 1859; Frederick P., December 12, 1860; Charles M., May 10, 1863; Mary M., February 21, 1866; Margaret A., May 19, 1868; Wilhelmina, February 19, 1871; William Henry, March 24, 1874; Philip H., June 1, 1877. A relative of his wife, Michael Myers, enlisted near the close of the war of the Rebellion, and served until the close in the Forty-First Regiment O. V. I. Occupation, farming. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

GEORGE W. HELFRICH—son of Adam and Margaret Helfrich, was born in Seneca county, February 14, 1854. He settled in the county in 1873. His wife, Mary M., is a daughter of Edward and Sarah Hardy (who came here in 1866), was born in Hancock county March 27, 1856. They were married at Belmore, Ohio, January 3, 1875, and have two children: Myrtie P., born February 15, 1876; Edward E., June 27, 1878. He is now corporation clerk of Belmore, and manufacturer and dealer in saddles, harness, valises, etc. Address, Belmore, Ohio.

JOHN HOFFMAN—an enterprising farmer and stock-raiser in this township, is a son of Jacob and Nancy (Shunk) Hoffman, and was born February 17, 1839, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. He removed to this county from Wood in 1868. His wife, Martha, daughter of Solomon and Annie (Shetter) Slupe, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, February 22, 1837, and they were married September 9, 1860, in that county. One child cements the union: Dora A., born February 25, 1863. Post-office, Leipsic.

B. F. HATCH—son of Alfred and Martha (Hill) Hatch, was born in Delaware county, February 24, 1830. He has been married twice—his first wife was Catharine Alspach, born in Franklin county, August 28, 1835 (died August 22, 1857). They were married in same county, September 6, 1853. Two children were born by this union: Lucy A., March 6, 1854, resides in Franklin county; Nathaniel, born October 21, 1856, *died* November 23, 1856. His second wife, Mary, daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (Hill) Gorsuch, was born in Delaware county, October 28, 1836, and married in same county, October 9, 1859. Children: Orrillie, born November 27, 1860; Alfred, March 11, 1862, *died* June 10, 1876; Sarah A., born December 2, 1863, *deceased;* Lyman C., September 15, 1865; Ada E., August 2, 1868. He settled in this county in 1875. Both his grandfathers were in the Revolutionary war. His relative, Philip Gorsuch, was killed at Chickamauga. Occupation, farmer and carpenter. Address, Belmore, Ohio.

GEORGE HESS—son of Felix and Jane (Fichelofen) Hess, was born in Germany, November 4, 1845, and settled in this county in 1869. His wife, Mary, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Migelbrink) Bauhaus, was born in this county, September 12, 1849. They were married May 11, 1870, in this county, and have three children: Felix, born March 22, 1873: Henry, January 2, 1875; Annie, March 21, 1877, *died* January 7, 1880. Mr. Hess is a member of the Board of Councilmen of Leipsic. He was a soldier in the Prussian army four years, and from July 4, 1866 to July 27, 1863, participated in six battles, receiving from King William the Cross of Honor, second class, 1866. Business, saloon and grocery. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

LEVI HUMMONS—whose parents, John and Mary (Wininger) Hummons, came to this county in 1837, was born in this county, December 31, 1837, and was married in Hancock county, Ohio, November 24, 1859. His wife, Amanda C., daughter of John and Mary M. (Houk) Bolton, was born in Stark county, Ohio, October 29, 1840. Nine children have been born: Francis M., born November 3, 1860; Mary M., July 16, 1862; John A., September 13, 1864; Ella L., September 20, 1866, *died* October 2, 1863; Cyrus, January 27, 1869; Byron D., July 20, 1871; Erwin F., July 9, 1874; Jennie, October 26, 1876, *died* October 29, 1876; Nettie May, June 27, 1878. Three of his wife's relatives were in the war of the Rebellion—Cyrus S. Bolton was in the Signal Corps; John H. Bolton was wounded, and Samuel H. Bolton was a member of the Ninty-ninth Regiment O. V. I. Occupation, farming and stock-raising. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

HENRY IMHOFF—who has resided in the county since 1859, was born in Switzerland, October 19, 1823, and is a son of Frederick and Mary (Myers) Imhoff. His wife, Hester Ann, daughter of John and Temperance (Brown) Myers, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, February 8, 1827, and they were married at Lancaster, Ohio, August 26, 1848. They have seven children: William F., born October 20, 1850; Franklin E., January 3, 1853; Charles F., October 22, 1855; Henry E., December 16, 1856; George L., May 3, 1857; John J., August 3, 1859; Elvington A., February 22, 1866. Sebastian M. and Jacob Imhoff, relatives, were members of the First Ohio Cavalry in the war of the Rebellion, participated in all the battles of that body, and accompanied General Sherman in his famous march to the sea. He has held the offices of constable, assessor and trustee in his township. Business, farmer and carpenter. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

ROBERT BARR KLINE—was born in Pennsylvania, May 24, 1837, and settled in this county, in 1852, with his parents, Samuel and Eliza Jane (Barr) Kline. His wife, Martha G., daughter of Simon Mapel, was born in this State, April 7, 1842, and they were married in this county, December 17, 1861. They have had six children: Virgil, born October 1, 1862; Lillie, May 3, 1864; Pratt, August 16, 1866; Lewis, born October 24, 1870, *died* December 24, 1870; Frederick, May 16, 1872. Business, milling. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

CHRISTIAN F. KNOKE—was born, December 19, 1848, in Hancock county, Ohio. His father, Christian F., lives in Hancock county, and his mother is deceased. His wife, Eliza, daughter of George and Catharine J. (Cochran) Gear, was born at Fostoria, Ohio, May 18, 1852, and they were married at Findlay, Ohio, October 17, 1872, and settled in this county in 1873. They have had three children: Flora M., born August 10, 1873; Viola A., August 4, 1876; Rosa E., December 4, 1878, *died* January 30, 1879. He has been township supervisor one year. Two of his wife's brothers, William and Joseph Gear, died in Andersonville Prison. Her brother, Samuel Gear, was a member of the Twenty-ninth Regiment O. V. I., and served through the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming and stock-raising. Address, Deshler, Ohio.

WILLIAM H. KNOKE—son of Christian F. Knoke and P. L. D. Shupa, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, November 28, 1833, was married in Wood county, Ohio, and settled in this county in 1860. His wife, Elizabeth, whose maiden name was Spitler, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, November 16, 1836. They have had five children: Hanson W., born November 28, 1857, *died* July 23, 1858; Alice M., born September 9, 1859, *died* September 6, 1865; Edwin Hulda, born February 5, 1863, *died* June 1, 1864; Samantha B. J., born March 14, 1866. He has served as township treasurer, and is engaged in farming and stock-raising. Address, Belmore, Ohio.

CHRISTIAN KUNTZ—was born in Germany, June 1, 1827, and is a son of Jacob J. and Dorotha (Shu) Kuntz. His wife, Annie M., daughter of Joseph Dietz, was also born in Germany, in June, 1825. They were married in Germany, in June, 1852, and settled in this county in 1856. They have three children: Lewis W., born September 27, 1859; George F., May 15, 1862; Charles G., July 25, 1866. He enlisted at Leipsic, in the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

JAMES R. LAFFERTY—farmer and stock-raiser in this township, whose parents were John and Jane (Reed) Lafferty, was born, December 28, 1809, in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. His wife, Delia, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Mason) Rambo, was born, November 1, 1823, in Beaver county, Pennsylvania. They were married in the county of her birth, December 14, 1841, and have had nine children: Elizabeth J., born February 19, 1843; Samuel R., October 27, 1845, *died* March 28, 1870; John R., June 30, 1848; James M., November 25, 1851; Mary Ann, August 24, 1854; Lucinda A., November 6, 1856, *died* October 3, 1874; Louis F., December 25, 1859; George W., May 16, 1862; Allen R., December 14, 1864, *died* March 26, 1870. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

DANIEL G. LEFFLER—grocery and provision merchant at Leipsic, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, August 13, 1838. His parents, Solomon and Christina (Weidner) Leffler, came to this county in 1853. His wife, Lavina, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Sell) Hide, was born May 1, 1848, in Morrow county, Ohio, and they were married at Leipsic, June 26, 1866. There are five children: Charles H., born April 10, 1868; Daniel M., December 21, 1869; Ella A., November 8, 1871; Edie V., February 25, 1875; Arletta J., April 16, 1878. His uncle, John Leffler, served through the Revolutionary war. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion at Leipsic, April 21, 1861. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

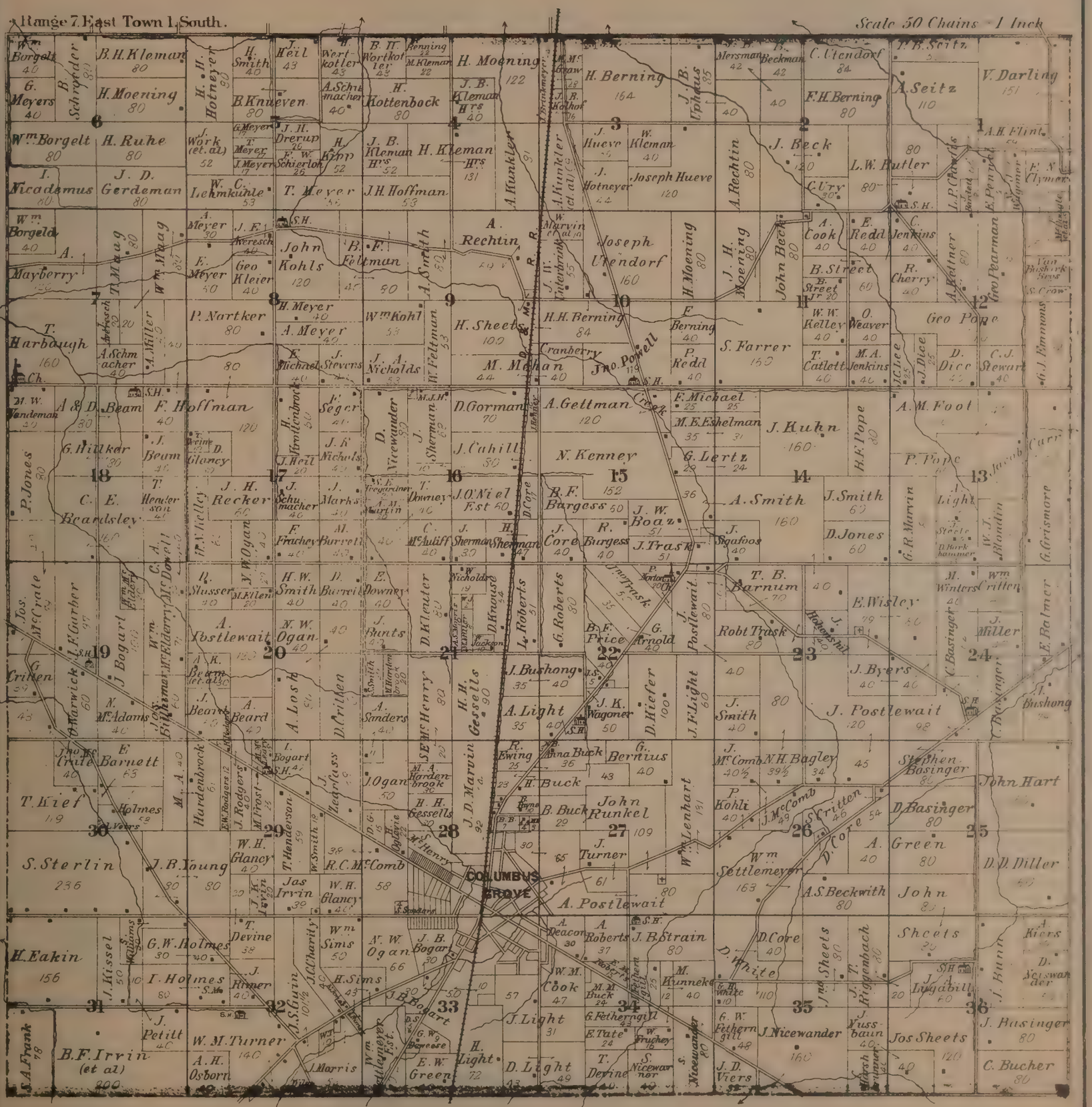
LEROY M. LUDWIG—grocer at Belmore, is a son of Jeremiah and Nancy (Freet) Ludwig, and was born in Wyandot county, Ohio, March 8, 1848. He came to this county in 1875. His father died in 1876, and his mother has resided with him since. His wife, Samantha A., daughter of Royal and Maria Sherman, was also born in Wyandot county, February 17, 1854, and they were married at Upper Sandusky, October 19, 1869. They have two children: Nancy Jane, born May 6, 1871, and Theodore, May 14, 1873. His father and a brother served in the war of the Rebellion. Address, Belmore, Ohio.

JOHN CALVIN McCLUNG—resident physician of Leipsic, studied medicine under Dr. C. E. Tupper, of Ottawa, Ohio, and graduated in the medical department of Hudson University, at Cleveland, Ohio. He was born in

MAP OF PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

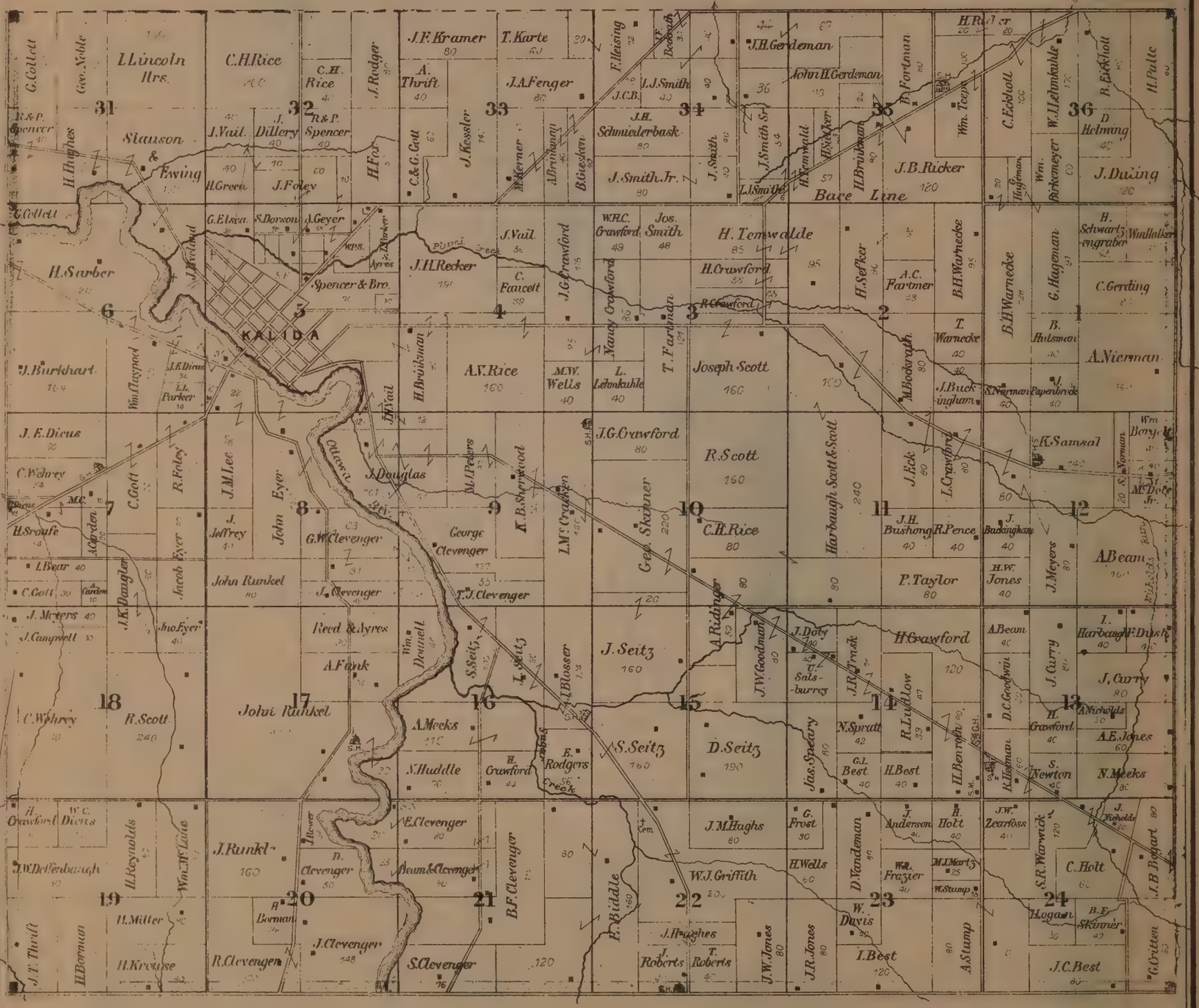
Range 7 East Town 1 South.

Scale 50 Chains = 1 Inch



MAP OF UNION TOWNSHIP

Range 6 East. Town 1 North & 1 South.



Seneca county, Ohio, January 26, 1843. His parents, David and Elizabeth (Brown) McClung, settled in this county in 1863, and they are now dead. His wife, Sarah Margaret, whose parents, Nathan and Elizabeth (Funk) Newton, settled in this county in 1874, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, March 11, 1845. They were married near Leipsic, Ohio, April 30, 1868, and have had seven children: David Albert, born February 3, 1869; Anna, October 17, 1870; John, January 23, 1872; Nathan, March, 1874; Robert Clark, November, 1876, *died* November, 1877; William Hartley and Sarah (twins), March 19, 1878. His great-grandfathers were all in the war of the Revolution, his great-grandfather McTyre, being a captain under General Washington. His grandfather, Brown, served in the war of 1812. During the last years of the war of the Rebellion, Dr. McClung was in the quartermaster's department of the Union army. He has practised his profession in Leipsic and vicinity since 1873. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

RICHARD McKEEN—son of James and Elizabeth McKeen, was born in Belfast, Ireland, January 1, 1844, and came to this county from the Emerald Isle, in 1857. His wife, Lois, daughter of James M. and Ann (Kline) Hammett, was born in Ashland county, Ohio, February 12, 1847. They were married at Leipsic, October 18, 1868. Four children bless the union: Willie J., born September 9, 1869; Charles, June 3, 1872; Laura E., January 31, 1875; Murtie, October 10, 1878. Richard McKeen was a member of the First Ohio Light Artillery, and participated in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Battle Creek, Athens and Decatur. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Stone River, and after being held about twelve hours, managed to make his escape. Business, saw-milling at Oakdale. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

JESSE MILLER—son of Henry and Catharine (Grassley) Miller, was born July 17, 1845, in Fairfield county, Ohio, and came to this county in 1863. His wife, Minerva A., daughter of John and Mary Ann (Wininger) Hummon, was born July 7, 1847, in this county, and they were married October 27, 1868. The birth-roll comprises eight children: John H., born October 2, 1869; Vida May, September 2, 1870; Ada Dell, January 27, 1872; Edmund F., August 24, 1873; Willie D., December 29, 1875, *died* February 17 following; Harley J., November 19, 18 : Nettie M., April 2, 1877; Reuben C., December 19, 1878. He was a member of Company E, Thirty-first Regiment O. V. I., and took part in the following engagements: Dalton, Dallas Gap, Pine Mountain, Kenesaw Mountain, Chatthoochie River, Peach-Tree Creek, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Savannah, Averysborough, Bentonville, Goldsborough and Raleigh. Occupation, farming. Address, Bluffton, Ohio.

NATHAN A. PERRY—is a son of James N. and Mary (Farmer) Perry, and was born, February 12, 1846, in Licking county, Ohio. His wife, Nancy, daughter of John Van Sycles, was born in Hancock county, Ohio, April 25, 1846. They were married in Hancock county, March 4, 1872, and settled in this county in the fall of 1878. They have two children: Dorella D., born January 22, 1873; Pearl A., February 10, 1880. Mr. Perry served in the latter part of the war of the Rebellion, as a member of Company G, One Hundred and Thirty-third Regiment O. V. I., and participated in the battle of Nashville. Business, farming. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

WILLIAM PFAHLER—son of John G. and Caroline (Wagman) Pfahler, was born in Crawford county, Ohio, September 15, 1838, and was married in that county, January 14, 1862. His wife, Mary, daughter of Abel and Lucinda (Sparks) DeWalt, was born in the same county, August 16, 1841. They have had ten children: Charles, born April 15, 1863, *died* February 26, 1864; William Q., May 23, 1864; Lucinda C., October 7, 1866; Sarah E., September 2, 1868; Mary S., April 8, 1870; Columbus O., February 19, 1872; Thomas J., July 18, 1873; Annie L., April 19, 1875; Christian G., February 19, 1877; Rosa May, May 24, 1879. Occupation, farmer, carpenter and thrasher. Address, Belmore, Ohio.

BENJAMIN QUICK—farmer and stock-raiser of this township, and son of Benjamin and Sarah Catharine (Bunn) Quick, was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, January 1, 1817, and his wife, Mary, daughter of Philip and Sarah (Jones) Staley, was born in the same county, November 7, 1818. They were married in that county, May 15, 1843, and settled in this county ten years later, in 1853. They have raised a family of ten children: Sarah C., born December 16, 1844; Wilson S., January 29, 1846; Rhoda J., January 21, 1848; Angeline, March 4, 1850; Rodney, February 10, 1852; James, July 8, 1854; John H., October 4, 1856; Eliza C., November 15, 1858; Matilda, January 31, 1860; Everett, August 13, 1864. Wilson Quick, a relative, was a member of the Thirteenth Regiment O. V. I., in the war of the Rebellion, and, in 1863, enlisted in the Veteran Corps, and participated in all of Sherman's battles in the march to the sea; was present at the surrender of General Lee, and the day following was killed by rebel guerrillas. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

HENRY J. RADER—who settled in this county in 1873, is a son of James and Mary (Dayringer) Rader, and was born in Hancock county, Ohio, June 11, 1838. His wife, Lydia A., whose parents, Ephraim and Anna (Thomson) Peters, came to Ohio in 1836, was born in Hancock county, December 9, 1842. They were married in that county, November 22, 1860, and have had seven children: Annie, born September 18, 1861, resides in Hancock county; Mary A., December 25, 1863; Prudence J., January 20, 1864; Hortense, August, 1866; Willie, March 22, 1870; Gaylord M. and Garnett A. (twins), December 9, 1874. He has served two years as township trustee. His grandfather, Rader, served as a musician under General Hull. He served in the war of the Rebellion in Company B, Twenty-first Regiment O. V. I., was in a number of skirmishes, and received injuries at Sandy Valley, Kentucky, on account of which he receives a pension. His brother, James, was a private in Company G of the same regiment, and died during the war from disease. Business, farmer. Address, Belmore, Ohio.

ELIAS JASPER REED—physician and surgeon at Leipsic, Ohio, is a son of Jeremiah and Sarah (Smith) Reed, and was born in Randolph county, Indiana, October 26, 1838. His wife, Mary Ann, is a daughter of Duff and Christina (Nicholas) Gauge, and was born in Shelby county, Ohio, September 27, 1843. He settled in this county in 1866, and was married at Sidney, Ohio, June 27, 1872. They have two children: Emmet G., born January 17, 1875, and Emma M., born February 2, 1878. His father served in the war of 1812, as a private. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

THOMAS RENSHAW—son of David and Eliza (Armstrong) Renshaw, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, May 10, 1833, and was married in McComb, Hancock county, Ohio, March 28, 1858. His wife, Maria Young, daughter of Henry and Nancy (Burkhead) Young, was born in Richland county, Ohio, May 13, 1836. Four children bless the union: David H., April 4, 1861; Kate, March 7, 1863; William T., July 16, 1870; Byron, September 20, 1872. They settled in this county in 1866. Occupation, farming. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

JOSHUA P. ROGERS—was born in Harrison county, Ohio, August 6, 1836. His parents were William and Nancy (Burkhead) Rogers. He came to this county in 1854, and was married November 20, 1859. His wife, Maggie M., daughter of George and Judith (Martell) Mattatall, was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, November 18, 1839. They have five children: Fidelia A., born October 4, 1861; Ella A., July 24, 1862; Judith S., November 25, 1866; Nannie E., September 30, 1874; Eva A., October 1, 1876. He has been supervisor and school director. Business, farmer. Address, Belmore, Ohio.

GEORGE J. SCHWARTZ—is a son of George A. and Katharina (Schwank) Schwartz, and was born July 21, 1828, in Wurtemburg, Germany. He settled in this county in 1860, marrying in Stark county, Ohio, March 15, 1860. His wife, Sarah A., daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (McGarr) Dillon, was born April 14, 1838, in Stark county. They have had six children: James E., born June 13, 1861; Mary E., September 21, 1863; Ellen C., August 30, 1865; George L., July 15, 1867, *died* September 15, 1868; John J., July 23, 1872; Lawrence H., August 4, 1877. George A Schwartz served in the war of the Rebellion from February, 1865, until the close. Business, farmer and stock-raiser. Address, Belmore, Ohio.

GIDEON SHAFER—son of Gotlieb and Rebecca (Mineich) Shafer, is a farmer and stock-raiser, and was born in Perry county, Pennsylvania, March 27, 1817. His wife, Esther Ann, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Read) Hunter, was born April 5, 1825, in Fairfield county, Ohio. They have had seven children, the five elder ones residing in Wyandot county, Ohio: William H., born April 27, 1844; Roswell P., November 30, 1845; Alice A., February 9, 1848; Alexander C., March 26, 1850; John S., June 15, 1852; Clara C., March 12, 1862; Wilbur, September 20, 1866. His wife's father, Wm. Hunter, was a soldier of the war of 1812. Address, Belmore, Ohio.

WILLIAM SHAFER—who settled in this county in 1863, is a son of Gotlieb and Rebecca (Mineich) Shafer, and was born January 31, 1818, in Perry county, Pennsylvania. His wife, Rachel, daughter of Conrad and Elizabeth (Zimmerman) Hitschew, was born in Frederick county, Maryland, April 7, 1824. They were married, May 9, 1848, in Wyandot county, Ohio. They have a family of eight children: Elizabeth E., born December 22, 1850; Rebecca Ann, May 4, 1854; Mary Ellen, February 13, 1856; Isadore, December 6, 1857; Findlay F., April 1, 1859; Rosa A., June 23, 1861; Ida May, May 28, 1863; Henry T., March 20, 1865. He served a year as supervisor of the township, and has a fine stock farm which he cleared from the wilderness. Alfred Hitschew, his wife's relative, was wounded at Pittsburg Landing, and, after his recovery, served to the end of the war. Another relative, William Hitschew, was in a number of battles, and was wounded at Chickamauga, afterwards serving to the close of the war. Occupation, farming and stock-raising. Address, Belmore, Ohio.

G. W. SIMONDS—farmer in this township, and son of Justus and Lorena (Moorehead) Simonds, was born in this county February 20, 1843. He was married, March 20, 1867, at Columbus Grove, Ohio. His wife, Mary E., daughter of John Foltz, was born November 30, 1847, in Stark county. They have had five children, only two of whom are living: Gertrude, born September 17, 1868; Alta M., April 15, 1870, *died* October, 1872; Ed., August 13, 1873; Wellie and Estella (twins), May 2, 1877, *died* July 10 and 14, 1877. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

ALEXANDER SKELLEY—farmer and stock-raiser, is a son of David and Jane Skelley, and was born June 30, 1830, in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. He was married at Findlay, Ohio, February 3, 1859, and settled in this county in 1865. His wife, Nancy, daughter of James B. and Eliza Jane (Abrams) Thomas, was born November 25, 1841, in Hancock county, Ohio. There are two sons: Charles, born April 2, 1861; William R., July 18, 1864. His relative, William G. Skelley, was in the war of the Rebellion, and died from wounds received in battle. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

WILLIAM W. SMITH—was born in Hancock county, Ohio, April 5, 1850, and is a son of John and Mary J. (Baylon) Smith. He is a printer, and is the present editor and proprietor of the *Leipsic Free Press*. He came to this county in 1860. His wife, Viola A., daughter of Abram and Jane (Boak) Baughman, who settled in the county in 1835, was born November 30, 1858. They were married August 27, 1874, and have one child, Clyde Leroy, born August 31, 1878. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

JOHN S. STEWART—son of Robert and Agnes (Siler) Stewart, was born in Licking county, Ohio, May 2, 1833, and came to this county in 1839. His wife, Eliza Jane, daughter of Dilud R., and Rebecca (Miller) Dukes, was born in Hancock county, Ohio, May 2, 1840. They were married in that county, October 25, 1859, and have had seven children: Ada May, born August 30, 1860; Eva Paulina, February 27, 1862; Angie A., July 2, 1865; John D., August 19, 1869, *died* December 2, 1870; Rettie Ann, February 15, 1872; Mary L., August 17, 1874, *died* August 11, 1875; Flora Dell, May 19, 1876. He has held the offices of township trustee, school director and supervisor. His grandfather, Siler, was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown. Occupation, farmer and stock-raiser. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

JOHN H. SUTTER—who settled in this county in 1848, and by industry and labor has secured a neat stock farm from the wilds of the county, was born in Switzerland, January 19, 1833. His parents were John Jacob and Barbara (Schneider) Sutter, both being dead. His wife, Annie Margaret, daughter of Daniel and Annie (Waltner) Wahl, was also born in Switzerland, April 24, 1842, and they were married in this county, March 19, 1861. Five children have sprung from the union: Annie M., born January 2, 1862; Barbara L., April 21, 1863; Mary E. and Lydia E. (twins), November 5, 1864, the latter *dying* July 24, 1865; John Henry, October 24, 1877. Business, farming and stock-raising. Address, Leipsic.

LOUIS SCHMEAL—was born in Germany, January 26, 1831. His parents were Joseph and Margaret (Schultz) Schmeal—the latter came to the county in 1856. He settled here in 1878. His wife, Christina Peters, was also born in Germany, June 20, 1819, died November 19, 1879. They were married February 25, 1852, and have had five children: Henrietta, born October 10, 1852; Eliza, April 10, 1857; Minnie, February 9, 1859; Charley, February 22, 1861; and Caroline, August 5, 1864. Business, farming. Address, Belmore, Ohio.

HENRY SUTTON—was born in Crawford county, Ohio, May 10, 1832, and is a son of James and Christina (Kunkle) Sutton. His wife, Sarah, daughter of Michael and Sarah (Ridgley) Petterman, was also born in Crawford county, April 3, 1833. They were married in that county, February 16, 1860, and have had seven children: Michael H., born May 7, 1861; Sarah E., April 24, 1863; Ida Jane, September 25, 1864; Edward, January 23, 1871; Lemuel, November 22, 1872; Mary, December 19, 1875; Amanda, November 2, 1878, *died* November 28, 1878. He settled in this county in 1875, and carries on a meat market. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

JOHN T. TIMMERMANN—physician and druggist, at Leipsic, is a son of Diedrich and Catharine M. (Meyer) Timmermann, and was born in Cincinnati, March 7, 1839. He was married in Cincinnati, June 7, 1859, and settled in this county in 1866. His wife, Mary, is a daughter of Jacob and Lydia Leonard, and was born in Cincinnati, May 11, 1842. They have had five children: Albert B., born August 28, 1860; John D., Nov. 17, 1863; Lydia Ann Margaret, October 23, 1865, *died* October 29, 1867; Edith, February 14, 1868; Ada, May 30, 1872. He is the present Street Commissioner of Leipsic. He

served in the war of the Rebellion in the Sixth Independent Ohio Cavalry, and was wounded September 6, 1862, at Washington, North Carolina. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

PHILIP HOOPER TURNER—Minister of the Gospel, at Lepsic, is a son of William and Sarah (Hooper) Turner, whose parents came to this county from Columbus, Ohio, in 1832. He was born at Columbus Grove, Ohio, December 30, 1847. His wife, Jane Elizabeth, daughter of John E. and Elizabeth (Stout) Creighton, was born at Kalida, Ohio, November 5, 1847. They were married at Leipsic, Ohio, April 1, 1873. They have had one child, Jessie, born August 26, 1877, *died* same day. Postoffice address, Leipsic, Ohio.

WILLIAM H. WALLEN—son of Silas and Elizabeth (Edwards) Wallen, was born August 4, 1846, in Licking county, Ohio, and settled in this county in 1851. His wife, Elizabeth, daughter of William and Rachel (Hitschew) Shafer, was born in Wyandot county, December 22, 1850. They were married in this township, March 6, 1869, and have a family of five children: Mary E., born July 31, 1871; Cora D., February 19, 1873; Thomas F., April 22, 1874; William S., January 15, 1876; John W., October 23, 1877. His grandfather Edwards was in the Revolutionary war. Occupation, farming. Address, Belmore, Ohio.

SAMUEL WATTERS—son of Samuel and Rachel (Wyrick) Watters, is an undertaker and carpenter, at Leipsic, Ohio, and was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, April 30, 1831. His wife, Sarah J., is a daughter of Isaac Buckmaster, and was born in Holmes county, Ohio. They were married in Allen county, Ohio, and have had seven children, only four of whom are living: Rachel Ann, born March 1, 1851, *died* the same day; Irene, June 17, 1862; Hiram, September 6, 1854; Phœbe Ann, February 4, 1857, *died* February 26, 1857; Thomas A., July 24, 1859; John S., May 17, 1861, *died* August 31, 1869; Catharine Ann, April 11, 1863. He settled in this county in 1846, and has held the office of justice of the peace nine years; township clerk, six years, and assessor, six years. His grandfather, Wyrick, served in the war of 1812. John S. Watters, a relative, was in the war of the Rebellion, and died of disease contracted in the army. Wesley Watters participated in the battle of Vicksburg, and died a few days after. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

JACOB WERNER—attorney and postmaster, at Leipsic, is a son of Christian and Christina (Heck) Werner, and was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, August 20, 1839. His wife, Polly C., is a native of New York, and a daughter of Calvin R. and Jane (Cornell) Eastman, whose parents settled in this county in 1856. They came to this county in 1861. They have had five children, only one of whom is living: Charles E., born April 21, 1864, *died* March 5, 1867; Calvin, March 1, 1867, *died* March 26, 1868; Emma Jane, January 21, 1869, *died* February 18, 1871; Laura, April 18, 1872, *died* October 11, 1874; Edith, September 17, 1879. He has served as township clerk one year. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

RICHARD E. WOLFE—proprietor of saloon and restaurant, at Leipsic, and son of Shadrach and Louisa (Evans) Wolfe, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, January 5, 1842, and came to this county in 1850. His wife, Mary A., daughter of John M., and Lydia (Brackney) Workman, was born in Richland county, October 8, 1848. They were married at Ottawa, Ohio, July 6, 1871, and have had four children: Walter S., born May 5, 1872; Boid R., July 20, 1874; Ella L., July 10, 1876; Charles, September 1, 1878, *died* July 29, 1879. His relative, Walter S. Wolfe, enlisted in the war of the Rebellion, engaged in several battles, was wounded and died, and buried at Chattanooga. Richard E. Wolfe was wounded at the siege of Corinth, and participated in a number of battles. John Wolfe was also wounded at Corinth, and was discharged on account of his injuries. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

ANDERSON J. YOUNG—son of Samuel and Isabella (Sutton) Young, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, December 1, 1841, and settled in this county in 1865. His wife, Mollie, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Heck) Foulk, was born in May, 1842, in Hancock county, Ohio. They were married in that county, February 10, 1866, and have three children: Emma B., born January 5, 1867; Everett J., April 20, 1869; Orville E., September 7, 1875. He served in the war of the Rebellion, and at the siege of Corinth was wounded in the right hand. Business, druggist and jeweler. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

SOLOMON YOUNG—son of Samuel and Isabella (Sutton) Young, was born April 5, 1838, in Seneca county, Ohio, and settled in this county in 1860. His wife, Julia A., daughter of Peter and Sarah (Heck) Foulk, was born in Hancock county, in which county they were married, March 1, 1863. They have two children: Ida Bell, born in December, 1863, and Jennie Maud. His grandfather Young was a Captain in the war of 1812, and at one time had a hand-to-hand fight with the Indians, killed one and made his escape. Business, variety store. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

LAMSON & CLEVELAND—Dealers in all kinds of Wooden Handles, manufacture Hoe Handles, Fork Handles, Rake Handles, Manure Forks, Mop Handles, Broom Handles, Spade, Scoop-Shovel, and every description of handle. Leipsic, Putnam county, Ohio.

GREENSBURG TOWNSHIP.

C. P. AYERS—son of William and Rachel (Crow) Ayers, whose parents came to this county in 1836, was born in 1842. His wife, Sarah E., whose parents, Jacob and Susan (Guy) Dangler, came to this county in 1837, was born in 1849, and they were married June 22, 1869. They have four children: Vela V., born June 9, 1870; Alta A., September 22, 1871; Octa O., March 17, 1875; William W., April 9, 1878. He has served as justice of the peace. His great-grandfather, James Ayers, served in the war of the Revolution. Occupation, farming. Address, Sheridan, Putnam county, Ohio.

JOHN BEARD—son of John and Mary (Carry) Beard, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1830, and settled in this county in 1853. He has been twice married. His first wife was Mary J., daughter of Jacob and Anna (Dickerson) Case, who was born in Fairfield county, in 1833, and they were married in Franklin county, Ohio, in 1854. She died in 1866, and was the mother of two sons, William H., born August 15, 1855, *died* August 21, 1855, and Charles W., born December 6, 1860. In 1867, he and Sohpia J., daughter of Henry and Barbara (Myers) Shank, were married. Her first husband was Guyton, with whom she was the mother of a daughter, Mary M., born May 12, 1862, *died* August 31, 1863. By this second marriage there were four children: Christian S. born July 13, 1868; Lucy A., October 10, 1871; John F., December 23, 1872; Margaret, November 17, 1877, *died* July 16, 1878. He holds the office of justice of the peace. His grandfather, John Carry, was in the war of the Revolution. Occupation, farming. Address, Ottawa, Ohio.

FREDERICK BROWER—son of B. and Elizabeth (Sigler) Brower, whose parents came to this county in 1833, was born here in 1856; and was married in 1878. His wife, Ettie, daughter of Samuel and N. A. (Harper) Melvin, was born at Kalida, Ohio. Her parents came to the county in 1854. Her grandfather, Alexander Harper, was in the war of 1812. Occupation, farming. Address, Sheridan, Ohio.

B. BROWER—farmer in this township, was born in Randolph county, North Carolina, and settled in this county in March, 1833. His postoffice address is Sheridan, Putnam county, Ohio.

MRS. GEORGE BUCHANAN—whose maiden name was Elizabeth McGinley, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1842. Her parents, Charles and Mary A. (Ewing) McGinley, came to this county in 1857. Her husband, George Buchanan, son of John and Elizabeth (Ayres) Buchanan, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, in 1832, and came to this county in 1854. They were married in 1859, and he died in 1872, aged 39 years. Five children were born: Alice M., June 26, 1861; Belle, February 7, 1862, resides in Michigan; Charles J., February 8, 1865; Eddie, February 15, 1867, *died* May 9, 1867; Terrence J., May 30, 1870. Her grandfather served in the war of the Revolution, and her husband's brother, John Buchanan, was a Captain in the war of the Rebellion. She carries on the farm. Address, Sheridan, Ohio.

GEORGE CAMPBELL—was born in this county in 1846. His parents, Robert and Vinaford (Guy) Campbell, settled here in 1838. His wife's parents, Edward and Malinda (Fisher) Kirkendall, came to the county in 1854. His wife, Elizabeth S., was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1850, and they were married in this county in 1873. They have had four children, but one of whom is living: an infant, born November 9, 1873, *died* November 15, 1873; Addie and an infant (twins) April 19, 1875, the latter, *still-born*; Earl, August 26, 1877, *died* March 6, 1879. His great-grandfather, Matthias Shurtz, served in the war of the Revolution. He, himself, served in the war of the Rebellion, as did also his three brothers, Matthias, Richard and John. Richard was killed at the battle of Shiloh. Mr. Campbell is now holding the office of justice of the peace, is a farmer, and his postoffice address is Sheridan, Ohio.

JOHN CAMPBELL—whose parents, Robert and Vinaford (Guy) Campbell, settled in this county in 1838, was born in 1844, and was married in 1868. His wife, Ellen, daughter of Charles and Mary A. (Ewing) McGinley, who came here in 1857, was born in Columbiana county Ohio, in 1847. They have had five children, of whom three are living: an infant born April 25, 1870, died same day; Robert W., August 13, 1871; Burton, July 21, 1874, *died* March 5, 1879; Mary M., August 26, 1876; Vinaford I., December 22, 1878. At present he holds the office of school director. His wife's grandfather and great-grandfather, both served in the war of the Revolution. His brother, Richard Campbell, was killed at the battle of Shiloh, in 1862. His brothers, Matthew and George, also served in the war of the Rebellion, and he served about nine months. Occupation, farming. Address, Sheridan, Ohio.

ROBERT CAMPBELL—son of Matthew and Elizabeth (Curry) Campbell, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1805, and settled in this county in 1838. His wife, Winneford, whose parents, Jesse and Jane (Shurtz) Guy, also came to this county in 1838, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1817. They were married November 30, 18 in Beaver county, Pennsylvania. They have had thirteen children, of whom eight are living: Matthew, born July 24, 1839; Sarah J., November 9, 1840—both residents of this county; Jesse G., March 9, 1842, *died* October 13, 1846; Richard, May 11, 1843, *killed* April 6, 1862; John, November 30, 1844; George, June 10, 1846—both living in Putnam county; James and Henry, (twins) December 19, 1847—James *died* October 2, 1855, and Henry lives in this county; Elizabeth E., April 2, 1850; Rachel M., February 6, 1852—both residing in this county; Mary C., June 19, 1856, *died* November 11, 1859; Almira W., March 9, 1857; Anna M., June 9, 1861, *died* September 10, 1861. His wife's grandfather, Shurtz, served through the war of the Revolution. Four of Mr. Campbell's sons were in the war of the Rebellion—Matthew, John, George and Richard. Richard was killed at the battle of Shiloh. Occupation, farming and blacksmithing. Address, Ottawa, Ohio.

MILES CROW—whose parents, Abraham and Sarah (Thompson) Crow, settled in this county in 1834, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1825. He was married in 1850, in this county. His wife was Lena, daughter of John and Barbara (Buzzard) Schmidt, who settled here in 1847, and she was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, in 1829. She died in 1863, aged 34 years. They have had five children: Joseph T., born January 21, 1851; Mary M., August 12, 1852; Sarah B., August 17, 1855; John P., April 14, 1858; Rachel A., April 5, 1861, *died* June 15, 1869. Occupation, farming. Address, Sheridan, Ohio.

WILLIAM R. CROW—whose parents, James and Elizabeth (Morland) Crow, settled in this county in 1835, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, April 12, 1821. Beersheba, his wife, was born in Randolph county, North Carolina, February 14, 1819. Her parents, Frederick and Helen (Staley) Brower, came to this county in 1833. Her father was in the war of 1812. They were married in this county, December 29, 1840, and have had eight children: Elizabeth H., born January 4, 1842; Ephraim B., February 13, 1844, who served four months in the war of the Rebellion, in the Ninety-ninth regiment, O. V. I., and *died* in Nashville, Tennessee, December 5, 1862; James S., February 24, 1846; William A., October 17, 1848; Senath M., March 6, 1851, *died* December 7, 1859; Iantha F., July 21, 1856, resides in Van Wert county, Ohio; Emma A., December 20, 1858; Hamlin Sherman, July 24, 1861. Occupation, farming. Postoffice, Ottawa, Ohio.

JACOB DANGLER—who settled with his parents, John and Barbara (Kaler) Dangler, in this county in 1837, was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, in 1814. His wife, Susan, whose parents, Jesse and Jane (Shurtz), came to the county in 1838, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1821, and they were married in this county in 1842. Twelve children complete the family circle, all of whom, with one exception, are living: Barbara, born December 25, 1843, *died* January 20, 1844; John K., June 28, 1845; William S., February 10, 1847; Sarah E., April 27, 1849—all living in this county; Henry J., March 6, 1851; Jacob G., May 23, 1853; Mary E., February, 1855, living in this county; Anna N., September 16, 1857; Columbus E., May 6, 1859; George A., March 4, 1861; Lydia C., March 31, 1863; Daniel E., May 1, 1865. His wife's grandfather served in the war of the Revolution. Occupation, farming. Address, Ottawa, Ohio.

WILLIAM EDELBROCK—whose parents, Peter and Anna M. (Ahlendorf) Edelbrock, came to this county in 1835, was born in the German Empire, in 1824, and was married in this county in 1865. His wife, Mary L., daughter of Joseph and Gertrude (Unterbrink) Herlage, who settled here in 1834, was born in this county in 1842. They were married in 1865, and have five children: Mary G., born May 15, 1868; Minnie C., June 2, 1870; Lena A., May 6, 1873; Amelia C., January 14, 1877; Frank Charles, October 2, 1879. He and his brother were members of the Thirty-seventh Regiment O. V. I., in the war of the Rebellion, his brother dying in the hospital at Milliken's Bend, in 1863. Occupation, farming. Address, Glandorf, Ohio.

BERNARD ELLERBROOCK—whose parents, Theodore and Katharina (Kleinekracht) Ellerbroock, came to this county in 1836, was born in the German Empire, September 8, 1826. He has been twice married. His first wife was Anna C., daughter of William and Katharina (Gilker) Schnuepke, who emigrated to this county in 1835. She was also born in the German Empire, in 1835. They were married in this county in 1855. Nine children were born to them, only four of whom are living: John W., born January 10,

1857; Mary C., November 4, 1858, *died* September 13, 1874; John B., July 22, 1860, *died* August 12, 1860; Anna M., October 7, 1861; Ferdinand, November 12, 1863; John T., April 16, 1867, *died* September 26, 1867; Maria E., January 11, 1870; Maria T., October 29, 1872, *died* September 13, 1874; Anna, August 8, 1875, *died* September 25, 1875. In February, 1876, he and his second wife were married—Mary A., whose parents, Herman H. and Anna M. (Nienberg) Siebeneck, came to this county in 1836. She was born October 29, 1837. He has held several public offices, and is a farmer of this township. Address, Glandorf, Ohio.

JOHN ELKINS—son of John and Margaret (Hansen) Elkins, was born in Delaware county, Pennsylvania, in 1829. He was married at Philadelphia, August 13, 1866, and settled in this county in 1870. His wife, Rosanna, daughter of William H., and Anna W. (Elkins) Malin, was born in Delaware county, Pennsylvania, in 1840. They have four children: Anna M., born May 27, 1867; Walter, July 15, 1869; Ellie L., July 25, 1873; Willard, August 23, 1876. During the war of the Rebellion, his brother, Henry, served in the navy, and his brother Jabez in the army. Occupation, farming. Address, Sheridan, Putnam county, Ohio.

JOHN GIESKEN—son of Albert and Maria Giesken, was born in Hanover, Germany, October 11, 1805, and settled in this county in 1833, in which year he and Clementina, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Schoena) Rieman, were married. She was born in Oldenburg, Germany, May 19, 1820. They have had ten children, all of whom, with one exception, are living; John, born October 4, 1840; Mary E., June 22, 1842, both living in this county; Dina C., November 7, 1844, living in Atchison, Mo.; Maria C., May 11, 1847, *died* February 2, 1848; Henry F., February 21, 1849, living in this county; Maria C., November 18, 1851, living in Atchison, Mo.; Joseph, March 11, 1858; Franz J., December 26, 1860; Bernhard J. April 29, 1864; Clementine, born April 8, 1854, resides in this county. Occupation, farming. Address, Glandorf, Ohio.

JOHN GROVE—whose parents, Levi and Mary (Rohrer) Grove, settled in this county in 1833, was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in 1823, and was married in 1847. His wife, Mary, daughter of David and Rebecca (Townsen) Sroufe, who came here in 1831, was born in Champaign county, Ohio, in 1825. They have had five children: Harvey B., born June 9, 1848, *died* October 14, 1855; David L., April 19, 1850; Orlando C., September 17, 1856; Luona R., April 18, 1861—all residing in this county; Le Roy, April 28, 1863. He has held the offices of trustee and supervisor. Three of his brothers served in the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming. Address, Sheridan, Ohio.

JESSE GUY—was born in 1826, in Columbiana county, Ohio. He came to this county with his parents, Jesse and Jenny (Shurtz) Guy, in 1833. His wife's parents, Jesse and Catharine (Johnson) Robart, came to the county in 1844. Her maiden name was Hannah Robart, and she was born in Huron county, Ohio, in 1827. They were married in this county in 1849. They have had nine children, of whom seven are living: H. J., born December 30, 1849; William W., January 15, 1850, *died* September, 1850; Israel C., January 24, 1853; Sarah E., March 7, 1854; Malinda C., March 19, 1856, *died* February 3, 1860; Jesse W., May 9, 1860; John O., October 17, 1861; Minerva E., May 9, 1864; Robert S., March 17, 1865. Occupation, farming. Address, Sheridan, Putnam county, Ohio.

IGNATIUS H. KAHLE—farmer and manufacturer of drain-tile, was born in this county in 1851. His parents, John F. and Maria B. (Wilberding) Kahle, came from Hanover, Germany, and settled in this county in 1833. His wife, Mary A., whose parents, George and Mary A. (Hagner) Miehl, came to this county in 1867, was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1853, and they were married in 1875. Two children bless their union: Frank G., born August 22, 1876, and Emma B., March 6, 1873. He has served as township clerk, and filled other public offices at various times. Occupation, farming. Address, Glandorf, Ohio. August and Ignatius H. Kahle, manufacturers of drain-tile. A large stock always on hand.

WILLIAM KIRKENDALL—whose parents, Edward and Malinda (Fisher) Kirkendall, came to this county in 1854, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1844. His wife, Emma, daughter of Michael and Mary (Smith) Rinkel, who came into the county in 1865, was born in Williams county, Ohio, in 1852. They were married in that county in 1869, and two children bless the union: Charles, born December 4, 1869, and Etty, October 23, 1871. Occupation, farming. Address, Kalida, Ohio.

HENRY LEOPOLD—son of Henry and Anna (Dopker) Leopold, was born in the German Empire, February 22, 1822, and came to this county in 1842. He married, in 1857, Mrs. Elizabeth Dickried, daughter of Bernhard and Maria (Giere) Gosman, who was also born in the German Empire, May 20, 1822. With her first husband she is the mother of three children, all residing in this county: Bernhardina, born October 3, 1848; Anna D., August 11, 1850; Bernhard J., February 14, 1855. Three children have also been born in her second marriage, all at home: Franklin, born May 18, 1858; Elizabeth, July 3, 1860; Maria, June 11, 1862. Occupation, farming. Address, Glandorf, Putnam county, Ohio.

MRS. JACOB MYERS—whose husband died February 16, 1875, continues the farm in this township. Her maiden name was Lydia Shank, and she was born in Toronto, Canada, in 1821. Her parents, Michael and Barbara (Wideman) Shank, settled in this county in 1837. Her husband was born in Washington county, Maryland, in 1795, and his parents, John and Mary (Dolan) Myers, came to this county in 1834, he coming here the following year. They were married in this county in 1846, and had a family of nine children, of whom seven are living: Elizabeth, born January 5, 1848, *died* in 1873; John H., May 23, 1849, living in this county; Henry D., September 24, 1851; Jacob S., December 21, 1852; Peter M., December 29, 1853; Samuel W., December 6, 1855; Maria L., July 31, 1858; Barbara, October 15, 1860, *died* 1862; Joseph A., October 19, 1862. Postoffice address, Ottawa, Ohio.

SOLOMON MYERS—was born in Washington county, Maryland, in 1817. His parents, Peter and Elizabeth (Slice) Myers, came to this county in 1835. His wife, Mary, is a daughter of Michael and Barbara (Wideman) Shank, and they came to this county in 1837. She was born in 1822, in Toronto, Canada. He settled in this county in 1836, and they were married in 1842. They have had thirteen children, of whom ten are living: Peter S., born September 10, 1843; Sarah, April 11, 1845; Abraham, December 11, 1846, *died* in 1856; John F., September 22, 1848; Solomon J., May 20, 1850; David, December 25, 1851, *died* July 29, 1870; Susannah, February 1, 1854; Mary L., December 11, 1855; Christian, March 6, 1858; Jemima, February 7, 1860; Sophia, January 27, 1862; Martha A., April 23, 1868; Daniel, December 31, 1865, *died* January 8, 1866. Occupation, farming. Address, Sheridan, Ohio.

JACOB MULLET—whose parents, John and Anna M. (Rattz) Mullet, came to this county in 1853, was born in Switzerland in 1840. William R. and Beersheba (Brower) Crow, his wife's parents, came to the county in 1835. His wife's maiden name was Elizabeth H. Crow, and she was born in this county in 1842. In 1864 they were married in this county, and rejoice in a family of seven children: William G., born September 1, 1865; John A., October 5, 1867; Amelia B., February 18, 1870; Anna F., July 27, 1872; Mary E., December 8, 1874; Luther H., September 29, 1876; Frederick, June 14, 1879. Occupation, farming. Address, Ottawa, Ohio.

JOHN MARSCHMAN—was born in this county in 1855, and is a son of Bernard and Catharina C. (Hageman) Marschman, who came to this county in 1853. His wife, Clara M., was born in 1857, and her parents, Joseph and Gertrude (Unterbrink) Gattman, settled in this county in 1851. They were married in 1874, and have three children: Frank B., born August 11, 1875; Mary C., August 23, 1877; Amelia C., November 2, 1879. Occupation, farming. Address, Glandorf, Ohio.

S. W. NEILL—whose parents, John and Anna (Crow) Neill, came to this county in 1835, was born in 1836. His wife, Mary A., whose parents, Jonas and Veronica (Myers) Shank, also came to this county in 1835, was born in Washington county, Maryland, in that year, and they were married in this county in 1857. They have had ten children: John A., born March 1, 1858; Joseph W., November 16, 1859; Samuel M., December 28, 1861, *died*, September 23, 1862; Seth E., January 25, 1864; Sophronia A., May 28, 1866; Mary E., December 1, 1868. Cora E., March 1, 1871; Jonas S., January 16, 1874, *died* January 16, 1874; William O., April 21, 1875; Oscar D., May 17, 1878. He has held public offices at various periods, and served six months in the war of the Rebellion, in the Ninety-ninth Regiment O. V. I. Occupation, farming. Address, Ottawa, Ohio.

HENRY O'DIAM—son of Richard and Phœbe (Petust) O'Diam, was born in England in 1832, settled in this county in 1859, and in 1879, he and Mrs. Rebecca Guy were married. She is a daughter of William and Mary (Christy) Johnson, and was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, in 1831. Her first husband, Jesse Guy, who died in 1875, was a son of Hezekiah and Winnefred (Cummins) Guy, and he was born in Loudon county, Virginia, in 1794. His parents settled in this county in 1838. She and her first husband were married in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1859. Mr. O'Diam is a farmer, and his address, Sheridan, Putnam county, Ohio.

MICHAEL RINKEL—son of Andrus and Sarah (Fix) Rinkel, was born in the German Empire, in 1822, and settled in this county in 1865. He has been twice married. His first wife, Mary, daughter of George and Mary (Foltz) Smith, was born in the German Empire, in 1824, and they were married in Stark county, Ohio, in 1844. They had five children: George, born November 19, 1845, *died* March, 1855; Sarah, May 23, 1848, resides in Williams county, Ohio; Mary, February 22, 1850, *died* March, 1855; Emma, June 19, 1852, lives in this county; Michael F., December 25, 1860, *died* August, 1861. His second wife, Barbara, daughter of John Ph. and Sybilla (Kensimer) Simon, was born in this county in 1841, her parents having come here in 1836. They were married in Williams county, Ohio, in 1861, and have had six children: Flora L., June 7, 1862, lives in this county; Alice L., February 7, 1864; Adelia A., December 11, 1865; John Ph., September 9, 1867, *died* March, 1872; Benjamin, March 1, 1873, *died* the same month; Charles M., February 17, 1879. Occupation, farming. Address, Sheridan, Putnam county, Ohio.

JOHN SCHMIDT—son of Joseph and Magdalene (Angasser) Schmidt, was born in the German Empire in 1804, and settled in this county in 1847. His wife, Barbara, daughter of George and Rachel (Godcharle) Buzzard, was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, in 1804, and they were married in that county in 1826. She died in this county April 15, 1863, after having been the mother of nine children: Rachel, born January 18, 1828; Lena, April 10, 1829, *died* July 17, 1863; Joseph, January 16, 1832, resides in Iowa; George, January 25, 1834, resides in Defiance, Ohio; Sarah, March 8, 1836, in this county; Mary, May 8, 1838, in this county; Jacob, December 30, 1840, *died* December 23, 1863; John, April 4, 1843, and Amos, January 8, 1846, both residing in this county. His three sons, George, John and Jacob, were in the war of the Rebellion. Jacob was taken prisoner, and *died* in Libby Prison, in 1863. Occupation, farmer. Address, Ottawa, Ohio.

HENRY C. SCHROEDER—whose parents, John H. and Katherina M. (Hohenbrink) Schroeder, came to this county in 1834, was born in 1852. His wife, Anna J., daughter of Herman H. and Mary (Kottenbrock) Recker, was born in this county in 1858. Her father came to the county in 1835, and her mother in 1833. Mr. Schroeder and his wife were married October 22, 1879. He is a farmer, and his address is Glandorf, Ohio.

MRS. JOHN HENRY SCHROEDER—whose maiden name was Katharina M. Hohenbrink, a daughter of John W. and Christina (Pues) Hohenbrink, was born in the German Empire in 1820. She settled with her parents in this county in 1843. Her husband was born in the German Empire in 1821, and was a son of Nicholas H. and Anna L. (Trahm) Schroeder, who settled in this county in 1834. They were married in 1846, and her husband died November 28, 1875. His occupation was farming. They have had a family of thirteen children, all of whom are living, with the exception of two: John H. was born June 27, 1847; Mary L., July 30, 1848; John W., December 7, 1849; Henry Ch., January 12, 1852; Mary Ann, September 15, 1853—all residing in Putnam county; Theresa M., October 15, 1854; Matthias, January 10, 1856; Clara M., December 7, 1857, *died* December 23, 1876; Doretta M., April 8, 1859; Katharina M., December 30, 1861; Ignatius, June 2, 1863; Minna, June 10, 1865, *died* May 3, 1876; Franklin J., November 18, 1867—all living at home. Address, Glandorf, Ohio.

JOHN HENRY SCHROEDER Jr.—was born in this county, in 1847. His parents, John H. and Katharina M. (Hohenbrink) Schroeder, came to this county in 1834. His wife, Mary E. C., whose parents, John F., and Maria B. (Wilberding) Kahle, settled here in 1833, was born in 1859. They were married April 25, 1877, and two children bless the union: Mary C., born January 30, 1878, and Bernardine M. T., October 6, 1879. Occupation, farming. Address, Glandorf, Ohio.

LEWIS TOUSLEY—was born in this county in 1839. His parents, Royal and Armina (Hubbard) Tousley, settled in this county in 1836. His wife, Mary M., whose parents, Stephen and Elizabeth (Fretz) Crow, settled here in 1835, was born here in 1848, and they were married in 1867. They have four children: Armina E., born May 19, 1868; Electa V., November 25, 1870; Lavina E., October 24, 1873; Stephen R., June 13, 1876. His brother Thomas served with the Tenth Ohio Cavalry seven months, and died in Murfreesboro, May 19, 1863. Occupation, farming. Address, Ottawa, Ohio.

HENRY TROYER—was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in 1804. His parents, Henry and Fanny (Kaufman) Troyer, came to this county in 1842, he having settled here in 1839. He has been twice married. His first wife, Catharina, daughter of John and Mary M. (Herriger) Borghart, whose parents came into the county in 1839, was married to him in Holmes county, Ohio, and gave birth to ten children: John, born June 1, 1834; Levi, October 10, 1836; Jacob and Joseph, (twins) October 17, 1838, the latter *dying* December 20, 1838; Mary M., May 19, 1842; Daniel, February 21, 1844, *died* in Andersonville Prison; Andrew G., October 23, 1847; Henry S., July 17, 1849; David, August 21, 1852; George, January 23, 1856. His second wife, Rachel, daughter of Frederick and Ellen (Skagens) Schaffer, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1816, and they were married in 1857. They have three chil-

dren: James M., born December 4, 1858; Lucinda E., December 31, 1860; Sarah M., October 24, 1863. He has served as supervisor several terms, and his son Daniel was in the war of the Rebellion until taken prisoner and dying in Andersonville. Occupation, farming. Address, Ottawa, Ohio.

FERDINAND UNTERBRINK—whose parents, John H. and Maria C. (Meilenbrink) Unterbrink, settled in this county in 1841, was born in the German Empire, November 29, 1824. His wife, Maria G., whose parents, Herman H. and Maria G. (Kamper) Ratermann, came to this county in 1838, was also born in the German Empire, April 30, 1835. They were married in this county, September 7, 1852, and have a family of eleven children: Anna M., September 16, 1853; Bernard H., March 11, 1855; Joseph, May 14, 1857; Frank F., April 30, 1859; Ignatius, August 26, 1861; Maria C., November 25 1863; John William, September 15, 1866; John R., August 9, 1869; Herman H., December 26, 1871; Albert F., October 9, 1874; Amelia M., November 16, 1876. He is at present one of the county commissioners, and has held several other offices. His brother, John H., served in the Mexican war. Occupation, farming. Address, Glandorf, Ohio.

ANTON UNVERFERTH—whose parents, Bernhard H. and Catherina E. (Kahle) Unverferth, settled in this county in 1834, was born in the German Empire in 1831. His wife, Theresia, whose parents, Henry J. and Maria A. (Kniepers) Tenwalde, emigrated to this county in 1834, was born in 1838, and they were married August 27, 1857. They have had a family of seven children, six of whom are living: Henry, born March 3, 1865, *died* the same day: Bernhard H., March 31, 1866; Joseph A., March 11, 1869; Maria T., April 4, 1871; Catharine T., August 4, 1873; Anna E., October 16, 1874; Franklin H., July 10, 1877. He has been supervisor of the township, is a farmer, and his address is Glandorf, Ohio.

I. S. VARNER—whose parents, Jacob and Eliza (Guyton) Varner, settled in this county in 1833, was born in 1842. His wife, Fanny, whose parents, Abraham and Margaret (Fender) Landis, came to this county in 1836, was born in 1845. They were married October 8, 1865, and have a family of seven children: Emma M., born June 3, 1866; Eliza M., January 29, 1868; Mary E., September 26, 1869; Charles F., January 27, 1872; Squire J., February 4, 1874; Jerry M., November 13, 1875; Martin W., April 24, 1877. He served in the Fifty-seventh regiment O. V. I., in the war of the Rebellion, over three years; was wounded at the battle of Shiloh, April 6, 1862; was taken prisoner at Atlanta in 1864, and kept in Andersonville Prison two months. Address, Sheridan, Putnam county, Ohio.

W. J. VARNER—whose parents, Jacob and Eliza (Guyton) Varner, settled in this county in 1833, was born in 1848. His wife, Anna, whose parents. John P. and Sibilla (Kensimer) Simon, came to this county in 1836, was born in 1850. They were married November 21, 1869, and have three children: Nettie, November 29, 1871; Gertie, November 13, 1873; Carl C., October 14, 1875. His brother, Isaiah Varner, served in the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming. Address, Ottawa, Ohio.

FRANK F. VERHOFF—whose parents, John F. and Anna M. (Kramer) Verhoff, emigrated to this county from Germany in 1836, was born March 24, 1848, and was married April 30, 1873. His wife, Maria C., whose parents, Gerhard H. and Anna M. E. (Recker) Mersmann, came to this county in 1848, was born August 6, 1854. They have had two children: Anna M. E., born January 20, 1875, *died* January 4, 1878; Anna, November 19, 1877. He has been elected supervisor two terms. Occupation, farming. Address, Glandorf, Ohio.

JARVIS WING—son of Henry and Eleanor (Frazee) Wing, was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1825. His father came with Captain Riley, and assisted in the survey of the county in 1819. He was killed September 18, 1843, by a falling tree. Mr. Jarvis Wing was married in this county in 1850. His wife, Sarah, whose parents, John and Barbara (Kaler) Dangler, came to this county in 1837, was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, in 1831. They have had six children, of whom four are living: Henry, born June 8, 1851, resides in this county; Barbara E., April 2, 1853, *died* February 14, 1854; Eleanor, January 7, 1855, *died* May 27, 1877; John F., September 3, 1857, livin in this county; Charles, September 8, 1864; Oliver, October 3, 1872. Occupation, farming. Address, Ottawa, Ohio.

PALMER TOWNSHIP.

JOHN BACHELLOR—whose parents, Ebenezer and Sarah (Hill) Bachellor, settled in this county in 1855, was born in Licking county, Ohio, December 21, 1844. He is an enterprising farmer and stock-raiser, and his address is Kieferville, Putnam county, Ohio.

FERDINAND BALL—who settled in this county with his parents, Barnhard and Mary M. (Phillips) Ball, was born in France, August 25, 1824. His wife, Emeline, daughter of Henry and Susannah (Lellinger) Graas, was born in Belgium, June 16, 1828, and they were married at Massillon, Ohio, May 13, 1851. They have a family of eight children: Henry, born March 23, 1852; John, January 20, 1854; Mary E., September 5, 1855; George F., October 24, 1857; William, August 28, 1860; Catharine, July 21, 1862; Susan, April 18, 1864; Martin, October 19, 1868. He served in the war of the Rebellion. He is a blacksmith and farmer. Address, North Creek, Putnam county, Ohio.

JACOB BECK—son of Nicholas and Mary (Scharf) Beck, born in Bavaria, German Empire, August 19, 1829, was married in Seneca county, Ohio, September 4, 1854, and settled here in 1873. His wife, Barbara, daughter of Nicholas and Jane (Zungers) Etchen, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, December 1, 1836. They have had twelve children: Francisco, born July 11, 1855; John, January 6, 1857: Nicholas, January 23, 1859, *died* February 25, 1861; Barbara J., October 6, 1860; Mary A., April 30, 1862; Clara E., March 12, 1864; Nicholas J., November 8, 1865; William A., September 6, 1867; Catharine, November 13, 1869; Elizabeth, October 16, 1871; Louisa, February 4, 1874; Henry L., March 20, 1878. He has filled the office of township trustee. Occupation, shoe-making and farming. Address, Pleasant Bend, Henry county, Ohio.

WILLIAM G. BRUGMANN—was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, December 29, 1851, and with his parents, William G. and Wilhelmina (Arnbrecht) Brugmann, came to this county in 1853. His wife, Annie, whose parents, Peter and Rhoda (Badman) Miller, came to this county in 1851, was born in Richland county, Ohio, March 4, 1849. They were married at Ottawa, September 18, 1873, and have had four children: Frederick W., born July 16, 1874; Andolph A., April 19, 1875; Maximillian C., January 3, 1877; Arie, August 17, 1879, *died* August 30, 1879. His relative, August Armbrecht, died in Andersonville Prison, in 1863. He has been marshal of Gilboa, and is now a merchant at Kieferville.

JOHN BURKHART—son of Nicholas and Barbara (Nuss) Burkhart, was born in Prussia, Germany, April 12, 1832, and was married in Lorain county, May 7, 1855. His wife, Gertrude, daughter of John J. and Margaret (Prisinger) Pifer, was also born in Prussia, Germany, November 22, 1834. He and his wife settled in this county in 1864. They have had twelve children, of whom nine are living: John J., born March 17, 1856; Josephine, December 28, 1858, *died* same day; Nicholas, February 3, 1859; Christopher, March 28, 1861; Katharina, February 15, 1863; Peter, June 10, 1865; Henry A., April 22, 1868; William S., August 22, 1870; Joseph, March 6, 1872; Frank, March 18, 1874, *died* same day; Mary, October 23, 1876; Albert, May 26, 1879, *died* September 20, 1879. He has been township trustee nine years, and assessor one year. Occupation, farming and stock-raising. Address, Pleasant Bend, Henry county, Ohio.

JAMES K. POLK BAUGHMAN—whose parents, Abraham and Jane B. (Boke) Baughman, settled in this county in 1833, was born February 5, 1845, in Van Buren township. His brother, Oliver Perry Baughman, was the first white child born in Van Buren township, and his father was the first settler in that township. His wife, Emma, daughter of Peter and Saloma (Heck) Foulk, who came to this county in 1867, was born in Hancock county, June 22, 1846, and they were married in that county, April 5, 1866. They have two children: Eva M., born September 27, 1868, and William R., October 22, 1873. He has been township treasurer since 1876. His grandfather, James Boke, served in the war of the Revolution. His brother, Oliver H. P., was a prisoner at Andersonville, and died in 1865. His brother, Theodore J., was drowned in Elk River, Tennessee, June 4, 1862. He is a stock-dealer and farmer, and his address is Keiferville, Ohio.

SAMUEL BURR—son of Jonathan Burr, was born in New York in 1815. His wife, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Catharine (Havias) Scott, was born in Pennsylvania, March, 1820. They were married in Crawford county, Ohio, November 15, 1838, and have had a family of nine children: William A., born September 27, 1839; Maria J. (Shaft) April 1, 1841, resides in Henry county, Ohio; Ann C. (Graves), November 18, 1842, resides in this county; Samuel, May 11, 1845; Zachariah T., November 11, 1848; Rosa (Gundel) February 22, 1852; Lydia (Noe), February 20, 1854; Calvin, May 20, 1857; Albert, May 12, 1860. Occupation, farming. Address, North Creek, Putnam county, Ohio.

DANIEL W. ERNEST—who came to this county with his parents, David and Margaret (Quigley) Ernest, in 1857, was born in Wood county, Ohio, September 17, 1846. His wife, Elmira E., daughter of Hoadley M. and Lydia (Crow) Brower, was born in this county May 29, 1851. They were married December 14, 1871, and have one son, David E., born November 13, 1872. His grandfather, Quigley, was a captain in the war of the Revolution. His brother-in-law, Josiah Walters, was wounded at Chickamauga, and died at home. Occupation, farming. Address, Keiferville, Putnam county, Ohio.

JOHN N. FRANKART—son of Matthias and Margaret Frankhart, was born in Germany, February 6, 1841, and settled in this county in 1860. He has been twice married, and with his first wife had a family of six children, as follows: William, born May 16, 1864; Margaret, April 13, 1866; Elizabeth, March 10, 1868; Matthias, March 28, 1870; John, June 13, 1872; Joseph, June 10, 1874, *died* March 10, 1875. His present wife, Caroline, whose parents, Joseph and Christina (Miller) Snyder, came to this county in 1859, was born in Virginia, April 25, 1834. They were married in Defiance county, December 23, 1878. He has served six years as township clerk, and eight years as township assessor. Occupation, farming and stock-raising. Address, Pleasant Bend, Putnam county, Ohio.

FLORENCE LAYMAN—merchant and deputy postmaster of North Creek, being the first dry goods store located there, is a son of Augustus and Catharine (Ball) Layman. His parents settled in the county in 1859. He was born in Stark county, Ohio, August 5, 1857. His address is North Creek, Putnam county, Ohio.

ADOLPHUS P. LEONHARDT—was born in Germany, February 26, 1829, and his parents are P. and Elizabeth (Lawrence) Leonhardt. He was married in Wyandot county, May 5, 1862, and settled the same year in this county. His wife, Catharine A., whose parents, Valentine and Catharine (Garg) Knoll, emigrated from Germany to Ohio in 1835, was born in Bavaria, Germany, June 4, 1825. Occupation, farming and stock-raising. Address, Ottawa, Ohio.

ROBERT J. LITTLE—one of the most industrious and successful farmers and stock-raisers of the township, was born in Crawford county, Ohio, June 2, 1835, and with his parents, Robert and Elizabeth (Fissle) Little, settled in this county in 1858. His wife, Annie, daughter of Francis and Francoise (Raclot) Noirot, was born in France, and they were married in this county, August 28, 1862. They have had seven children, of whom six are living: Alexander, born June 16, 1863, *died* same day; Elizabeth, May 14, 1864; Nicholas, November 1, 1865; Joseph, July 29, 1867; Mary A., December 8, 1869; William H., December 19, 1871; Robert J., July 3, 1876. Postoffice, Pleasant Bend, Henry county, Ohio.

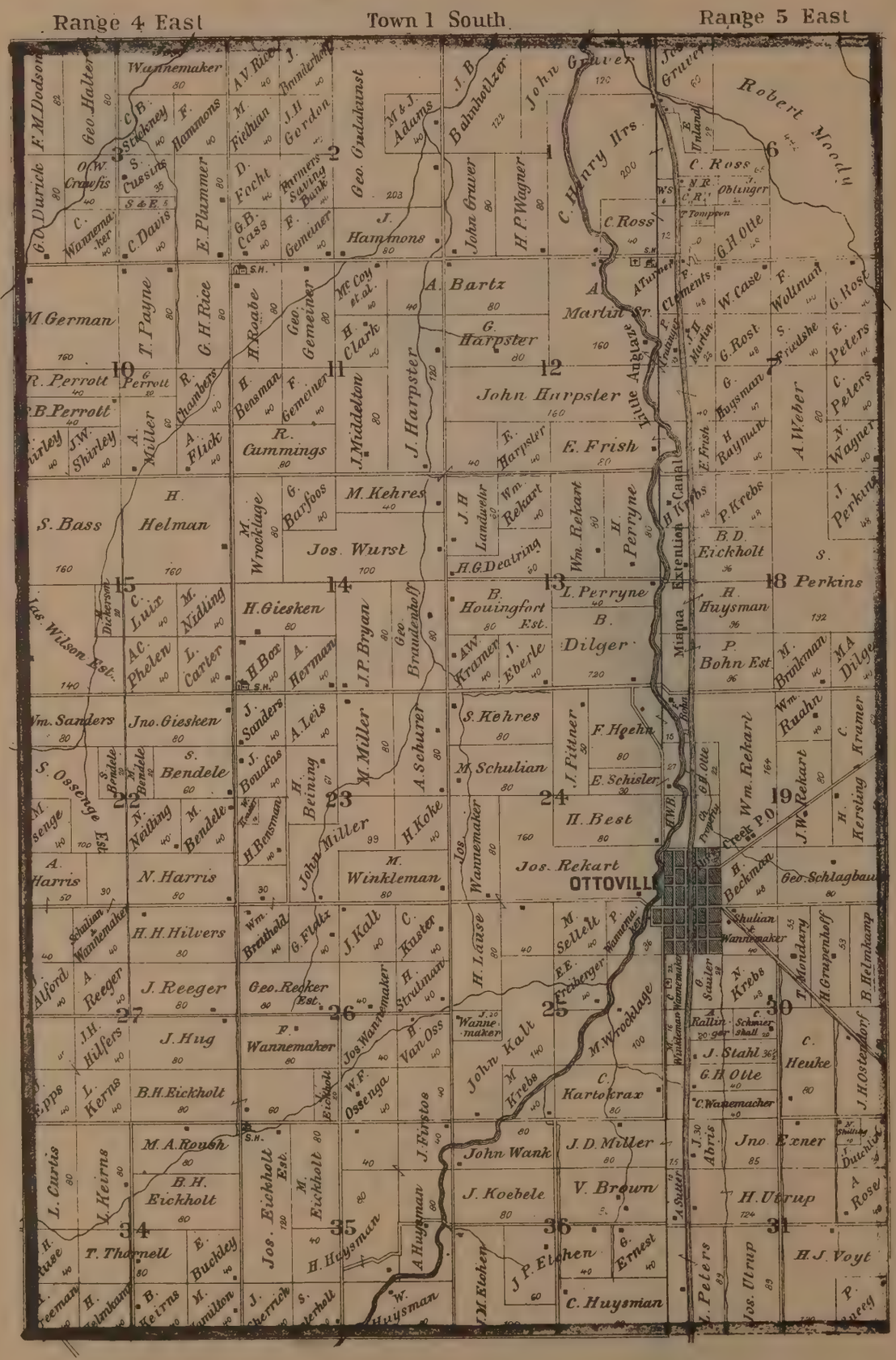
ISAAC LYTEL—son of David and Susannah (Solomon) Lytel, was born in Allen county, Ohio, November 16, 1844, was married in that county, June 12, 1866, and settled in this county in 1877. His wife, Mary, daughter of John and Orzillah (Minnis) Baker, was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, March 23, 1844. They have a family of six children: Harry G., born August 26, 1867; George W., September 23, 1869; Orillah E., September 28, 1871; Sarah E., November 6, 1873; Carrie L., January 13, 1875; John W., September 10, 1878. His grandfather, Solomon, was in the Revolutionary war. Business, sawmilling. Address, North Creek, Putnam county, Ohio.

DANIEL A. MERRITT—son of Samuel and Phœbe (Allen) Merritt, was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, March 10, 1824, and settled in this county in 1865. His wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Rachel (Dysert) Nichols, was born in Scioto county, Ohio, September 22, 1822, and they were married in Union county, Ohio, April 16, 1841. They have had nine children, five of whom are living: Rachel C. (Case), born May 12, 1842, now in Knox county, Ohio; Amanda J., January 23, 1845, *died* in 1850; John D., September 13, 1847, now in Wood county; Charles S., September 14, 1849, now in this county; Joseph F., January 23, 1850, *died* March, 1859; William H., December 22, 1851, now in Wood county; Phœbe J. (Clemmens), February 4, 1856, in this county; Cynthia A., September 5, 1858, *died* March, 1859; Daniel A., June 15, 1867, *died* September, 1868. He has served as land appraiser and township trustee, and has been constable since 1876. His brothers Samuel and Charles served in the war of the Rebellion. Samuel was killed before Atlanta. Occupation, farming. Address, North Creek, Putnam county, Ohio.

NICHOLAS MILLER—whose parents, Matthias and Annie B. (Greesinger) Miller, settled in this county in 1851, was born in Hancock county, Ohio, June 28, 1848, and was married at Glandorf, May 18, 1869. His wife, Mary E., daughter of George H. and Elizabeth (Parks) Reed, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, June 28, 1850. They have had six children: John M., born March 16, 1870; Mary B., October 18, 1871; Annie M., February 4, 1874; George A., May 22, 1875; Nicholas F., February 11, 1877; Elizabeth G., October 28, 1878, *died* September 20, 1879. He has served as supervisor, trustee and school director, and is a farmer and stock-raiser. Address, Ottawa, Ohio.

MAP OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP

MAP OF MONTEREY TOWNSHIP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John Kalt
John Wank
J. D. Miller
V. Brown
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J. P. Eichen
C. Huysman
C. Ross
C. Henry Hrs.
John Gruver
Jos. Gruver
J. B. Bahnholzer
A. Martin Sr.
John Harpster
J. Harpster
J. Middleton
R. Cummings
M. German
T. Payne
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S. Bass
H. Helman
Jas. Wilson Est.
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J. P. Bryan
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E. Plummer
J. Hammons
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LAURENT NOIROT—removed with his parents, Francis and Francoise (Raclot) Noirot, to this county in 1861. He was born in France, August 1, 1831, and was married in Monroe, Michigan, June 20, 1856. His wife, Marie, daughter of Claude and Marie (Mathieu) Bouvier, was also born in France, January 6, 1840. They have six children: Victor, born September 7, 1858; Victoria, March 14, 1861; Laurence, November 7, 1862; Josephine E., April 4, 1866; Sophie, February 20, 1870; Louie, September 14, 1871. He has been township trustee and supervisor, and is one of the most successful farmers and stock-raisers in the township. Address, Pleasant Bend, Henry county, Ohio.

GEORGE H. RIGEL—was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, in December of 1839. He came with his parents, Samuel and Rilsey Rigel, to this county in 1850. His wife, Julia, daughter of Brockman and Angeline (Stonacher) Brower, was born in this county, November 15, 1842, and they were married at Cuba, Ohio, December 26, 1865. They have seven children: Edna, born September 19, 1866; R. F., December 3, 1869; M. L., February 26, 1870; Edith, December 29, 1872; Daniel K., May 6, 1874; Millie, April 1, 1876; Henry W., July 14, 1878. Occupation, merchandising. Postoffice, Keiferville, Ohio.

WILLIAM M. SAER—son of Josiah Wesley and Ann Eliza (Lynch) Saer, was born in Alleghany county, Pennsylvania, June 27, 1847, and settled in this county in 1870. His wife, Mary, whose parents, Thomas and Jane (Hazleton) Hoy, came to this county in 1854, was born in Perry county, Ohio, March 5, 1846, and they were married in Henry county, Indiana, November 22, 1870. They have two children: Thomas N., born August 1, 1873, and Kate, September 16, 1875. He has served as justice of the peace six years, and township clerk four years. He served in the war of the Rebellion, as a member of the Second Pennsylvania Artillery, and was with Grant from June, 1864, to the surrender of Lee. Occupation, farmer and painter. Address, Keiferville, Putnam county, Ohio.

WILLIAM SCHAFER—whose parents, Philip and Mary E. (Almanritter) Schafer, settled in this county in 1854, was born in Germany, February 4, 1839. His wife, Mary, daughter of Henry and Margaret (Weaver) Morris, was born in this county, August 5, 1845, and they were married in Allen county, Ohio, August 6, 1863. They have eight children: Philip H., born September 11, 1864; John S., February 18, 1866; Margaret C., September 19, 1867; William W., September 26, 1871; George L., December 12, 1874; Charles C., September 26, 1876; Sarah E., August 22, 1877; and Mary E., June 17, 1879. He has been justice of the peace of this township for fourteen years; he is one of the present county commissioners, which office he has filled since 1875, and is the postmaster at North Creek. His father-in-law, Mr. Henry Morris, was an old pioneer settler, was one of the first associate judges of the county, and died January 8, 1877. Occupation, farming. Address, North Creek, Putnam county, Ohio.

JOHN O. SNYDER—who settled in this county in 1873, is a son of Anthony and Anna (Ortman) Snyder, was born in Ross county, Ohio, October 13, 1839, and married at Bucyrus, Ohio, June 21, 1866. His wife, Sarah J., daughter of William R. and Eliza (McLaughlin) Ransom, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, May 25, 1846. They have had five children: Delphine, born April 6, 1867, *died* February 10, 1868; Cora A., December 22, 1868; James H., December 26, 1870; William E., September 14, 1874; Frederick O., January 18, 1879. He served in the war of the Rebellion, and was in all the engagements under General Thomas. Business, saw-mill and postmaster of Kieferville, Putnam county, Ohio.

WALLACE SOHLKE—whose parents, Christian and Emily (Geppinger) Sohlke, came to this county in 1870, was born in Chenango county, New York, October 27, 1855, and is located at North Creek, Putnam county, Ohio, in the family grocery business, his store being the second one of the kind in the place.

HUGH YARNELL—son of David and Mary (Lants) Yarnell, was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, August 8, 1851, and came to this county in 1870. His wife, Ophelia, whose parents, Zachariah and Fanny (Hartle) Tobias, came to this county in 1872, was born in Miami county, Ohio, January 24, 1857. They were married in this county, January 1, 1874, and have a family of three children: Lucy, born February 1, 1875; Calvin, July 10, 1877; Cora Bell, September 12, 1878. Is a farmer, and his address is Kieferville, Putnam county, Ohio.

ANTONY MILLER—was born in Hancock county, Ohio, September 23, 1850, and came with his parents, Matthias and Margaret (Greesinger) Miller, to this county in 1851. His wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Barney Erhart, was born in this county, June, 1855, and they were married at Ottawa, January 30, 1876. They have had two children: Philomena, born June 25, 1877, *died* November 25, 1878; John M., November 23, 1878. Farmer and stock-raiser. Address, Ottawa, Ohio.

WILLIAM L. LENTZY—farmer in this township, was born in Wooster, Ohio, August 17, 1848, and came to this county with his parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Kiser) Lentzy, in 1856. He was a member of the One Hundred and Eighty-second Regiment O. V. I., in the war of the Rebellion. Address, Ottawa, Ohio.

JOHN LENTZY—son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Kiser) Lentzy, was born in Wooster, Ohio, and came to this county, in 1856, with his parents. He served in the war of the Rebellion, in the Twenty-first and Eighty-seventh Regiments O. V. I., and his occupation is farming. Address, Ottawa, Ohio.

HENRY HOMIER—one of the best farmers in this township, who settled in this county in 1868, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, November 3, 1837, and is a son of Jacob and Frances (Broasmer) Homier. His wife, Catharine, daughter of Bernhard and Adelaide (Stagerman) Fenbert, was born in this county, December 22, 1848, and they were married, May 25, 1869, at Glandorf. Children: Anna M. C., born May 24, 1870; Caroline L., July 14, 1871; Louisa T., June 20, 1873; Bernhard J., February 18, 1876; Catharine, September 17, 1878. Address, New Bavaria, Henry county, Ohio.

ALFRED VAN BUSKIRK—who settled with his parents, Samuel and Catharine Van Buskirk, in this county in 1851, was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, December 7, 1832. His wife, Lavina, whose parents, Abram and Sarah (Reeves) Rankin, came to the county in 1843, was also born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, June 3, 1841, and they were married in this county February 16, 1861. Children: Elden, born November 25, 1861; Aves, April 19, 1863; Dora, October 26, 1864; Elsie, May 13, 1866; Carana, October 24, 1868; Luada, August 21, 1870; Ivy, December 20, 1871; Thomas J. W., February 20, 1875; Rankin, March 11, 1877, *died* April 7, 1878; Jesse, April 16, 1879. His brother, Thomas, was killed at Stone River, and the subject of this sketch was a member of the Third New York Cavalry in the war of the Rebellion. Farmer and drover. Address, Glandorf, Ohio.

EMANUEL BEEMER—of the firm of Yoytel & Beemer, proprietors of the only saw-mill in the town of North Creek, is a son of Samuel and Rebecca (Rigel) Beemer, and was born in Allen county, Ohio, August 31, 1858, settling in this county in 1878. His uncle, John Beemer, was wounded at the battle of Resacca, and died three days thereafter. Business, saw-milling. Address, North Creek, Putnam county, Ohio.

DELL PLACE—farmer of this township, is a son of Andrew and Maria (Meeker) Place, was born in Delaware county, Ohio, June 30, 1852, and settled in this county in 1873. Address, Pleasant Bend, Henry county, Ohio.

SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP.

THOMAS BEGG—son of John and Mary Begg, was born in Scotland, August 5, 1839; married in Franklin county, Ohio, October 6, 1870, and settled in this county in 1873. His wife, Mary Jane, daughter of Jeremiah and Mahalah Kalb, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, May 30, 1837. He has held the office of township trustee for the past two years. Occupation, farming. Address, Kalida, Putnam county, Ohio.

JAMES CLEVENGER—who settled with his parents, Benjamin and Sarah (McDowell) Clevenger, in this county in 1831, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, in 1818, and has been three times married. His first wife, Elizabeth, whose parents, Daniel and Martha (Evans) Vaughan, settled here in 1840, was born in Butler county, Ohio, in 1827. They were married in this county November 18, 1841, and they had three children: Martha, born July 26, 1844; Louise, December 4, 1843; Samuel, June 5, 1849, *died* July 14, 1849. His first wife died June 27, 1849. His second wife, Alcinda Galloway, was born in Carroll county, Ohio, in 1830, and they were married in 1850. They had four children: Jane, born March 28, 1853, *died* July 8, 1874; Albert, August 31, 1856; George, April 4, 1858; Sarah A., September 3, 1860. His second wife died February 1, 1864. His present wife, Catharine, daughter of John and Catharine (Michael) Vaughan, was born in Butler county, Ohio, in 1835, and they were married in Auglaize county, Ohio, May 4, 1835. They have one child, Mary E., born September 15, 1866. He has held several public offices. Occupation, farming. Address, Vaughnsville, Putnam county, Ohio.

JOHN CLEVENGER—whose parents, Benjamin and Susannah (Kopenhaver) Clevenger, came here in 1831, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, in 1815, and came here in 1830. His wife, Nancy, was born in same county and same year. Her parents, John and Elizabeth (Kendall) Gander, came here in 1837. Married in Franklin county, in 1837, they have had six children, first five, dying in infancy. Mary Lucinda, sixth child, born June 4, 1849, *died* September 13, 1858. Has been supervisor and is a farmer. Address, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

HENRY COLLAR—whose parents, Joshua and Jane E. (Waddle) Collar, came to this county in 1853, was born in Warren county, New York, in 1838. He was married December 31, 1874. His wife, Susan, whose parents, David and Hannah Rees, came here in 1863, was born in Lawrence county, Ohio, April 5, 1854. They have one child, Henry, born November 13, 1875. He has been township clerk several terms. His grandfather, Ebenezer Collar, was in the war of 1812, and he served in the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming. Address, Vaughnsville, Putnam county, Ohio.

JOSHUA COLLAR—son of Ebenezer and Rachel (Ketcham) Collar; born in Washington county, New York, October 8, 1808; settled in this county in 1853. His first wife, Jane E., daughter of Robert and Nancy Waddle, was born in Warren county, New York, January 24, 1812; married, at Troy, New York, September 7, 1836. His second wife, Rachel A., daughter of Ezra and Julia (Lincoln) Hicks, who came here in 1835, was born in Warren county, Ohio, August 17, 1823. They were married February 14, 1856. Nine children by first marriage: Eleanor, born May 13, 1837; Henry, September 19, 1838; Nancy, January 31, 1840; Jane E., June 20, 1841; Joseph, January 11, 1842, *died* December 29, 1863; Joshua, July 31, 1844; Rachel, April 7, 1846; Eliza, September 13, 1847; Mary I., March 11, 1850. His father was in the war of 1812. Three of his sons, Henry, Joseph and Joshua, were in the war of the Rebellion. Joseph was killed at the battle of Mossy Creek. Occupation farming. Address, Vaughnsville, Putnam county, Ohio.

JESSE DARBYSHIRE—was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, December 5, 1817. Settled here in 1845. Parents, Thomas and Anna (Covert) Darbyshire. His wife, Lydia, whose parents, James M. and Margaret (Paxton) Pierce, came here in 1846, was born in Logan county, Ohio, December 2, 1825. They were married in Clinton county, Ohio, May 22, 1844. Children born as follows: Mary M., May 5, 1845, lives in this county; James T., September 17, 1847, lives in Indiana; John W., May 13, 1850; Benjamin M., November 23, 1852; David D., March 20, 1855; Harvey N., August 20, 1857, *died* August 25, 1860; Eliza J. and Samuel J. (twins), September 28, 1860; Morris A., May 19, 1863. Has held several public offices, is a farmer, and his address, Gomer, Allen county, Ohio.

RICHARD DAVIS—son of Richard and Sarah (German) Davis, was born in North Wales, May 6, 1826, and came here in 1861. His wife, Sarah, whose parents, Enoch and Margaret (Michael) Jones, came to this county in 1849, was born in South Wales, May 24, 1830. They were married in this county, and have had six children: John E., born July 9, 1863; Sarah A., July 1, 1865; Leah M., July 17, 1867; Elizabeth A. and Enoch E. (twins), May 16, 1870; Martha J., December 24, 1872. By a former marriage his wife has one daughter, Margaret E. James, born September 10, 1856. His brother, Edward, died in service of the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming. Address, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

JACOB DEFFENBAUGH—son of John and Anna (Parshall) Deffenbaugh, was born in Fairfield county, August 2, 1833. His wife, Mary A., daughter of Jesse and Lydia (Pierce) Darbyshire, was born in Clinton county, May 5, 1845. They were married in this county, November 6, 1864, and have four children: Olive M., born March 21, 1866; Lydia A., September 2, 1868; Milton S., October 6, 1871; Jessie E., February 12, 1879. He has held several township offices. Occupation, farming. Address, Gomer, Allen county, Ohio.

JOHN DEFFENBAUGH—born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, October 26, 1806. Parents, Jacob and Eve (Everly) Deffenbaugh. Twice married. First wife, Anna, daughter of Elias and Nancy (Struble) Parshall, born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, March 22, 1811. They were married in that county June 24, 1829. Nine children: Nancy, born May 26, 1831, lives in Allen county; Jacob, August 2, 1833, lives in this county; William, November 19, 1835, *died* January 10, 1837. The remaining sons and daughters all reside in this county, names and date of births as follows: Joseph, October 22, 1837; Albert G., February 2, 1840; Amanda A., April 2, 1842; Lewis M., November 27, 1844; Emily J., June 10, 1847; John H., December 11, 1849. His first wife died March 17, 1875. Married second time in Van Wert county, May 27, 1879. His present wife, Mary A., daughter of Jacob and Jane (Fitch) Stouder, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, May 27, 1818. He has been justice of the peace twenty-seven years, county commissioner six years, and county auditor four years, and filled other offices at various times. His three sons, Albert G., Joseph and Jacob, served in the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming. Address, Gomer, Allen county, Ohio.

ROBERT DOWNING—whose parents, Adam and Sarah (Lothlen) Downing, came here in 1835, was born in Stark county, Ohio, June 15, 1821, and was married September 3, 1857. Died November 21, 1874. His wife, Rachel, whose parents, Philip and Rachel (Stevenson) Hooper, came here in 1839, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, October 10, 1833. They have three children: Albert B., born May 17, 1860; John M., June 15, 1862; Robert W., October 6, 1870. Occupation, farming. Address, Vaughnsville, Putnam county, Ohio.

JOSIAH EDWARDS—son of Josiah and Margaret (Jones) Edwards, was born in the north of Wales, in 1824, and settled in this county in 1861. His wife, Susan, daughter of John and Mary (Edwards) Breese, was also born in the north of Wales, in 1826, and there they were married in 1850. They have had five children: John, born January 21, 1851, *died* November 8, 1853; Margaret, April 24, 1856; Joseph B., September 13, 1859; Mary J., August 3, 1863; John W., January 5, 1871. He has been school director of the township, and served in the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming. Address, Vaughnsville, Putnam county, Ohio.

FREDERICK W. EHERENMAN—son of George and Mary (Griffiths) Eherenman, was born in Allen county, Ohio, in 1848, and settled in this county in 1857. He has been twice married. His first wife, Jane, whose parents, James and Alcinda (Galloway) Clevenger, came to this county in 1831, was born March 28, 1853, and they were married November 22, 1871. One child, John B., was born December 30, 1872. She died in 1874. His present wife, Martha A., whose parents, Eli and Catharine (Vaughen) Clevenger, came to this county in 1831, was born April 3, 1852, and they were married September 20, 1879. His grandfather, Eherenman, was in the war of 1812. His brothers, Joseph B. and Isaac, and himself served in the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming. Address, Vaughnsville, Putnam county, Ohio.

MRS. ELIZABETH EVANS—daughter of Henry and Mary (Evans) Davis, was born in Butler county, Ohio, January 31, 1833, and came to this county in 1871. She has been twice married, first to Richard Davis, son of Thomas and Sarah Davis, who was born in North Wales, in 1818. They were married in Allen county, Ohio, August 17, 1851, and had three children: Henry R., born August 8, 1852, resides in Illinois; Thomas A., June 25, 1853, lives in Nebraska; William L., June 5, 1855, lives in Van Wert county, Ohio. Mr. Davis died in 1855. Rhoda R., an adopted daughter, was born November 17, 1863. Mrs. Evans was married the second time, in Allen county, January 30, 1871, to David Evans, son of William and Margaret Evans, who was born in North Wales in 1827. They had four children: an infant, born January 13, 1872, *stillborn;* John B., June 26, 1874, *died* August 20, 1877; David S., November 10, 1876; Robert, November 5, 1878, *died* February 19, 1879. Her second husband died in 1877. She had four brothers in the war of the Rebellion, one of whom died in the service. Occupation, farming. Address, Gomer, Allen county, Ohio.

RICHARD R. EVANS—son of Evan and Elizabeth (Reynolds) Evans, was born in North Wales, November 23, 1814, and was married there June 1, 1842, and came to this county in 1868. His wife, Mary, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Jones) Reynolds, was also born in North Wales, December 25, 1820. They have had ten children, five of whom are living: Mary J., born March 6, 1843, lives in Columbus, Ohio; Evan R., March 27, 1844, lives in Licking county, Ohio; Richard, July 29, 1845, *died* August 22, 1845; Richard, July 12, 1846, *died* August 6, 1847; Richard T., April 27, 1848, lives in this county; Edward S., August 12, 1851; John M., February 27, 1854, *died* October 26, 1865; Elizabeth A., January 15, 1857; Anna M., November 18, 1858, *died* October 13, 1859; Anna A., July 22, 1861, *died* September 1, 1865. His son, Evan R., served in the war of the Rebellion. He was twice taken prisoner, and tasted of Andersonville. Occupation, farming. Address, Vaughnsville, Putnam county, Ohio.

ELIJAH C. FORD—whose parents, Joseph and Phœbe (Kibby) Ford, settled in this county in 1834, was born in Warren county, Ohio, May 6, 1832. His wife, Mary E., whose parents, William and Mary (Dawson) Pyers, came to the county in 1859, was born in Holmes county, Ohio, February 23, 1838, and they were married December 27, 1857. They have had eight children: Jerusha A. L., born December 22, 1858, *died* November 22, 1859; William W., October 27, 1860; Julia A., January 1, 1862; Joseph G., December 20, 1863; Franklin W., October 18, 1865; Lewis M., December 21, 1867; Mary E., March 3, 1870; Phœbe D., September 18, 1872. His grandfather, Kibby, was in the war of the Revolution; and two of his brothers were in the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming. Address, Gomer, Allen county, Ohio.

GEORGE W. GANDER—whose parents, John and Elizabeth (Kendall) Gander, settled in this county in 1837, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, May 12, 1829. His wife, Harriet, whose parents, Joseph and Sarah (Sarber) Clevenger, came to the county in 1830, was also born in Franklin county, Ohio, January 1, 1833, and they were married in this county May 8, 1851. They have had eleven children: Livonia E., born May 6, 1852; Sarah L., July 8, 1854, *died* September 28, 1854; infant son, October 1856, *died* same month; infant daughter, August, 1858; infant daughter, September, 1860; infant son, September, 1861; infant son, April, 1862—all *stillborn;* Estella J., June 25, 1864; Nancy H., October 8, 1867; infant son, April 8, 1870, *stillborn;* George W., March 11, 1879. Occupation, farming. Address, Kalida, Putnam county, Ohio.

LEWIS GANDER—whose parents, Samuel and Lydia (Gray) Gander, settled in this county in 1834, was born August 1, 1835, and is a farmer and minister. His wife, Anna, whose parents, Enoch and Margaret (Michael) Jones, came here in 1849, was born in the south of Wales, October 29, 1833. They were married in 1856, and have had five children: Lydia A., born October 18, 1856, *died* April 30, 1869; Enoch E., February 19, 1860; Margaret K. and Anna M. (twins), February 21, 1862; Lewis J., October 2, 1867. Has been postmaster and township clerk. He and his brothers, Thomas, John S. and David W., served in the war of the Rebellion. David died in hospital in Falmouth, Kentucky. Address, Vaughnsville, Putnam county, Ohio.

HENRY GARDNER—blacksmith; born in Richland county, Ohio, in 1840; parents, Samuel and Catharine (Minghas) Gardner; married in Allen county, Ohio, March 29, 1866; settled in this county same year. Wife, Angeline, daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth (McMichael) Calhoun, born October 24, 1845 in Trumbull county, Ohio. Five children: Minnie L., born April 14, 1867; Carrie B., October 21, 1869; Zoe, January 17, 1872; Maud, August 28, 1875; Blanche, April 28, 1878. He and his two brothers, Charles and William, served in the war of the Rebellion. Address, Vaughnsville, Putnam county, Ohio.

GEORGE BENTON GARNER—farmer and minister, is a native of this county, was born September 18, 1850. His parents were Franklin Garner and Elizabeth Watkins. His wife, Sarah A., daughter of Albert Webb and Elizabeth Jones, was born in Loraine county, October 18, 1851. They were married in Allen county, May 9, 1872, and have had four children: Joseph F., born June 9, 1874; Sicily E., December 14, 1876; Zella and Zoe twins), July 8, 1879, *died* August 28, 1879. Address, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

WILLIAM GUFFY—who came with his parents, John and Nancy (Pennington) Guffy, to this county in 1831, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, November 22, 1826. His wife, Mary A., daughter of Samuel R. and Elizabeth (Turner) Jacobs, was born in Champaign county, Ohio, August 18, 1817, and they were married in Allen county, Ohio, March 27, 1834. They have had ten children, of whom seven are living: Samuel R., born September 26, 1835, living in Kansas; Isaac M., March 12, 1837, *died* September, 1837; Elizabeth J., August 20, 1838, lives in this county; Alexander, May 8, 1840, *died* March 5, 1865; Mary A., March 5, 1842, lives in this county; George W., August 18, 1844, lives in Kansas; James J., January 22, 1847, living in this county; Sarah M., September 28, 1851, living in this county; Louise A., November 30, 1853, living in this county; Martha E., April 26, 1860, *died* January 8, 1865. His father served in the war of 1812, and his sons, Samuel and Alexander, in the war of the Rebellion, the latter being taken prisoner and dying in hospital. His wife died November 8, 1834. Occupation, farming. Address, Gomer, Allen county, Ohio.

RICHARD HUGHES—born in South Wales, April 15, 1813, settled in this county in 1855. Parents, Richard and Winnifred (Lloyd) Hughes. His wife, Mary, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Morgan) Williams, was born also in South Wales, March 29, 1817, where they were also married. Eleven children were born, seven of whom are living: Elizabeth, April 19, 1835; David R., August 25, 1837; Winifred, October 2, 1840; Jane, August 26, 1842, *died* September 21, 1846; Gomer R., October 25, 1844, *died* May 20, 1864; John W., July 6, 1847, *died* February 8, 1866; James F., September 21, 1849; Thomas W., December 9, 1851; Mary J., February 14, 1855; Daniel, September 8, 1858, *died* September 8, 1858; Martha A., November 17, 1860. Mrs. Hughes died September 24, 1876. Three of his sons, David R., John and Gomer R., served in the war of the Rebellion, the latter dying in hospital. Occupation, farming. Address, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

CADWALADER JONES—born in North Wales, February 1, 1813, came to this county in 1834. His parents were Richard and Ann (Owen) Jones. His wife, Ann, daughter of William and Susan (Brees) Rees, was also born in North Wales, August 14, 1821. They were married at North Bend, Ohio, October 7, 1846, and have had nine children, five of whom are living: Susan A., born November 4, 1847, *died* June 25, 1856; Mary J., October 21, 1849; Richard W., May 26, 1852; Francis, May 21, 1854, *died* August 26, 1855; Catharine, January 27, 1856; Amelia, September 25, 1858, *died* August 29, 1860; Francis W., March 5, 1861; John C., November 3, 1863; Samuel, May 19, 1867, *died* February 18, 1869. He has been township trustee over twenty years, and has held other public offices. Occupation, farming. Address, Gomer, Allen county, Ohio.

DANIEL JONES—son of David and Jane (Lloyd) Jones, was born in South Wales, March 16, 1809, and came here in 1842. His wife, Ellen, daughter of David and Ellen (Jenkins) Hughes, was born in South Wales, June 3, 1812. They were married in South Wales, February 28, 1834, and have had four children: David, born January 20, 1835, in Columbus Grove; Jane, February 23, 1839; John, July 23, 1842, in Iowa; Evan, November 22, 1850. His son, John, served in the war of the Rebellion, was taken prisoner, and was also wounded. Occupation, farming. Address, Vaughnsville, Putnam county, Ohio.

JOHN D. JONES—son of David and Catharine Jones, was born in North Wales, April 29, 1828, and came here in 1864. His wife, Mary, daughter of Richard and Sarah (German) Davis, was born in North Wales, August 8, 1828, and they were married there May 3, 1853. They have had six children: John J., born September 18, 1854; Catharine S., March 19, 1858, *died* June 22, 1861; Richard, April 8, 1861, *died* same day; Anna, September 11, 1862; Jennie, September 29, 1865; David, September 21, 1871, *died* same day. His wife's brother, Edward, died in the service of the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming. Address, Vaughnsville, Putnam county, Ohio.

JOHN M. JONES—born in South Wales, September 24, 1837, came with his parents, Enoch and Margaret (Michael) Jones, to this county in 1849. His wife, Sarah, whose parents, William and Purthena (Burtch) Roberts, came here in 1835, was born February 2, 1841, and they were married September 24, 1863. They have had seven children: Robert W., born July 9, 1864, *died* October 24, 1878; Enoch W., March 4, 1866; John F., January 9, 1868; David E., November 27, 1869; Elizabeth E., January 18, 1872; Margaret A., March 9, 1874; Mary P., March 22, 1877. He has been a school director for several terms. Occupation, farming. Address, Vaughnsville, Putnam county, Ohio.

MRS. JOHN R. JONES—was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, April 5, 1802. Her parents were William and Anna (Rowland) Groilym. Her husband, son of Richard and Mary (Hughes) Jones, was born November 25, 1796, in the north of Wales. They were married in Butler county, Ohio, October 1, 1825, and settled in this county in 1834. He died December 16, 1872. They had eight children, of whom four are living: Mary, born March 20, 1827; Rachel, October 8, 1828; Martha, August 12, 1830, *died* February 1, 1861; Margaret, February 24, 1832, *died* April 31, 1853; Jane, January 26, 1834, *died* September 26, 1834; Jane, August 14, 1835; William, December 4, 1838, *died* March 4, 1864; Elizabeth, April 20, 1841. Their son, William, died in the service of the war of the Rebellion. The widow resides on the farm. Address, Gomer, Allen county, Ohio.

R. N. JONES—son of Morris F. and Mary F. (Evans) Jones, born in Allen county, Ohio, September 10, 1852, was married April 5, 1877, and settled in this county the same year. His wife, Ellen A., daughter of Richard and Margaret (Lewis) Roberts, was born in this county August 17, 1852. They have had two children: Margaret M., born January 25, 1878, and an infant born August 30, 1879, *died* September 22, 1879. Occupation, farming and school teaching. Address, Gomer, Allen county, Ohio.

SAMUEL H. KEIRNS—born in Allen county, Ohio, February 1, 1845, was brought by his parents, John and Elizabeth (Strawsnider) Keirns, to this county in 1846. His wife, Emily J., whose parents, John and Anna (Parshall) Deffenbaugh, came here in 1835, was born June 10, 1847. They were married June 28, 1866, and have had five children: an infant, born February 4, 1868, *died* same day; Anna M., April 3, 1869, *died* April 28, 1869; John M., April 29, 1870; Edgar L., December 15, 1872; Cora B., February 16, 1876. He and his brother, and three of his wife's brothers, served in the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming. Address, Gomer, Allen county, Ohio.

THOMAS I. LOUTHAN—came with his parents, Jonathan H. and Rachel (Moore) Louthan, to this county in 1842. He was married January 16, 1862. His wife, Lucy A., daughter of Abel B. and Prudence R. (Mayberry) Fuller, was born in this county August 4, 1845. They have had six children: John M., born October 23, 1862; Maretta J., May 21, 1865; Jesse B., February 19, 1868; George B., June 28, 1872; Mary E., June 10, 1875, *died* December 17, 1876; Elizabeth C., January 10, 1878. His brother and two of his wife's brothers, served in the war of the Rebellion. He is a farmer and the present postmaster of Vaughnsville, Putnam county, Ohio, which office he has held for the last three years. He was born August 16, 1836.

JAMES McKINLEY—son of Alexander and Anna (Morrison) McKinley, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1811, and settled in this

county, with his parents, in 1835. His wife, Jane, whose parents, John and Nancy (Pennington) Guffey, came to this county in 1831, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, in 1819. They were married in this county, in 1840, and have had ten children, only four of whom are living: John A., born April 16, 1841; infant son, March 10, 1843, *died* same day; James, June 29, 1844, *died* December 24, 1846; infant son, November 25, 1846, *died* December 2, 1846; infant, May 11, 1848, *died* same day; Samuel N., September 9, 1849, *died* September 21, 1860; Nancy Ann, July 26, 1852; Emily J., June 18, 1854; Sarah E., April 2, 1859, *died* September 10, 1860; Mary E., March 2, 1863. His wife's father, John Guffey, was in the war of 1812. Occupation, farming. Address, Gomer, Allen county, Ohio.

DAVID REES—farmer, and son of Edward and Elizabeth (Lloyd) Rees, was born in the south of Wales, in 1815. He has been twice married, as also has his present wife, Hannah, daughter of William and Susan (Brees) Rees, who was born in the north of Wales in 1824. They were married in Cincinnati, March 17, 1852, and settled in this county in 1863. Elizabeth, daughter of his first wife, was born August 20, 1847. William Williams, son of her first husband, was born September 27, 1847. The children of the present marriage are: Susan, born April 5, 1854; John, May 10, 1856, *died* February 20, 1863; David, December 15, 1858; Mary J., March 13, 1860; Harry, December 17, 1862; Anna, March 3, 1867. Occupation, farming. Address, Vaughnsville, Putnam county, Ohio.

ROGER REYNOLDS—was born in North Wales, January 14, 1801, and is the son of Richard and Elizabeth (Watkins) Reynolds. He was married in Columbus, Ohio, July 9, 1844, and settled in this county in 1867. His wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Richard and Hannah (Burd) Bowen, was born in North Wales, July 16, 1826. They have had thirteen children, twelve of whom are living: Roger, February 11, 1848; Richard, May 26, 1850; Evan, October 16, 1851; Elizabeth A., July 14, 1853; George E., March 13, 1855; David S., March 17, 1856; John T., July 4, 1858; Charles July 9, 1860; Benjamin F., February 23, 1862; Emma, October 20, 1863; Margaret J., June 18, 1865; Mary, June 23, 1867; James F., October 10, 1869, *died* November 2, 1872. Occupation, farming. Address, Kalida, Putnam county, Ohio.

JACOB RIMER—was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, January 29, 1815. He settled in this county with his parents, Daniel and Catharine (Vandermark) Rimer, in 1832. His wife, Elizabeth, whose parents, Peter and Catharine (Hoffman) Rhodes, came to this county in 1831, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, July 21, 1816, and they were married, March 1, 1838. They have had nine children, seven of whom are living: Joseph, born December 18, 1838, *died* December 21, 1838; George W., February 5, 1840, *died* December 11, 1863; Daniel P., January 8, 1842; Elizabeth J., October 23, 1843; James W., March 26, 1846; Mary L., May 30, 1848; Leazure M., August 21, 1851; Lewis H., September 7, 1853; Francis M., July 19, 1857. His sons, George W. and Daniel P., served in the war of the Rebellion, the former dying in the service. Occupation, farming. Address, Gomer, Allen county, Ohio.

DANIEL RISSER—whose parents, Abraham and Catharine (Suntzenich) Risser, came here in 1857, was born in the German Empire, January 1, 1836, and settled in this county in 1859. His wife, Elizabeth M., whose parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Risser) Smith, came here in 1865, was born in Ashland county, Ohio, April 18, 1836, where they were married August 14, 1862. They have had six children: Julius C., born February 25, 1864; Daniel E., August 27, 1865; Otto O., December 20, 1867; John J., July 21, 1870; Emma L., February 28, 1873; Elizabeth A., October 28, 1876. His brothers David and Christopher served in the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming. Address, Vaughnsville, Putnam county, Ohio.

MRS. MARGARET ROBERTS—a daughter of John and Eleanor (Thomas) Lewis, was born in the south of Wales in 1815, and resides on a farm in this township. She has been twice married. Her first husband, Daniel Thomas, son of Evan and Mary Thomas, was born in the south of Wales in 1815, where they were married January 11, 1841, and came here in 1841. He died in 1848. They had two children: William L., born December 3, 1841, *died* July 14, 1868; Evan D., December 14, 1845. Her second husband, Richard Roberts, son of Griffith and Anna Roberts, was born in the north of Wales in 1810. He came here in 1841, and they were married in 1849. They had one daughter, Ellen A., born August 17, 1852. He died in 1856. Address, Gomer, Allen county, Ohio.

ROBERT W. ROBERTS—was born in this county April 21, 1847. His parents, William and Purthena (Burtch) Roberts, came here in 1835. His wife, Edna M., whose parents, John L. and Catharine A. (Gunsalus) Ketcham, came to this county in 1853, was born in Morrow county, Ohio, March 12, 1849. They were married in 1868, and have had five children: Lima M., born January 4, 1869; William, April 17, 1870; John L., February 23, 1872; Robert A., October 6, 1873; Walter A., January 23, 1878, *died* January 3, 1879. His wife's grandfather, Ketcham, served in the war of 1812, and her brother, Merritt, in the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming. Address, Vaughnsville, Putnam county, Ohio.

JOSEPH SLUSSER—son of Jacob and Mary M, (Croninger) Slosser, was born in Shelby county, Ohio, July 26, 1841, and settled in this county in 1860. His wife, Martha, whose parents, James and Elizabeth (Vaughan) Clevenger, came to this county in 1831, was born July 26, 1844, and they were married in January, 1867. They have two children: Iniz B., born March 24, 1869; Josephine E., February 12, 1875. He is the present township clerk. He and his brothers William and Peter served in the war of the Rebellion, in which he and William were both wounded. His father was in the war of 1812. Occupation, farming. Address, Vaughnsville, Putnam county, Ohio.

JOHN W. THOMAS, Sr.—son of Jeptha and Ann (Williams) Thomas, was born in North Wales, July 22, 1816, and was married there in September, 1839, coming to this county in 1845. His wife, Mary, whose parents, Thomas and Elizabeth (Evans) Arthur, came here in 1845, was born in North Wales, June 6, 1815. They have had eight children, five of whom are living: Mary E., born October 24, 1840, *died* July 25, 1873; William A., February 25, 1843, *died* September 6, 1864; Anna, April 21, 1845, *died* July 21, 1845; Thomas W., June 25, 1846, lives in this county; Elizabeth A., July 27, 1849, lives in Delphos, Ohio; John W., January 16, 1851, lives in this county; Edward, August 7, 1854; Sarah J., August 7, 1857. His wife died January 19, 1880. His son, William A., served in the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming. Address, Gomer, Allen county, Ohio.

REES H. TURNER—son of Rees and Mary (Davis) Turner, was born in South Wales, October 6, 1830, and settled in this county in 1858. His wife, Ann, daughter of John and Mary (Hughes) Daniels, was born in South Wales, June 15, 1825, and they were married in this county January 9, 1858. They have five children: Mary E., born March 19, 1859, resides in Licking county, Ohio; Lida H., January 26, 1862; John M., October 28, 1867; George B., September 24, 1871; Edith E., February 25, 1875. He served in the war of the Rebellion, and was wounded at the battle of Atlanta. Occupation, farming and carriage-making. Address, Vaughnsville, Putnam county, Ohio.

T. G. WATKINS—whose parents, John and Jane (Griffiths) Watkins, settled in this county in 1834, was born in this county, in 1838, and married in 1865. His wife, Elizabeth A., whose parents, David and Mary (Miles) Morgan, came here in 1842, was born in Licking county, Ohio, in 1833. Have had four children: Mary E., born February 13, 1859; John B., September 10, 1870; Charles W., December 18, 1872, *died* September 4, 1875; Zella J., July 14, 1875. Has held several public offices, and is now justice of the peace. Was in the war of the Rebellion, as was also his wife's brother, Benjamin F. Morgan, who died in hospital, in 1865, at Columbus. Occupation, farming. Address, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

WILLIAM W. WATKINS—whose parents, John and Jane (Griffiths) Watkins, came to this county in 1833, was born March 25, 1835. His wife, Winnifred, whose parents, Richard and Mary (Williams) Hughes, settled in the county in 1835, was born in Portage county, Ohio, October 2, 1840. They were married March 18, 1859, and have had six children: John H., born May 24, 1860; William, September 19, 1862; Mary Jane, August 18, 1866; Rose Belle, August 14, 1869; Cora Elizabeth, January 31, 1872; Winnie May, February 23, 1877, *died* July 4, 1877. He had a brother in the war of the Rebellion, and his wife had three brothers in the same war, one of whom died in the service. Two of his uncles were killed by falling trees, one in 1837, and the other in 1839. Occupation, farming. Address, Vaughnsville, Putnam county, Ohio.

DAVID L. WILLIAMS—born in North Wales, June 16, 1832; parents, Hugh and Catharine (Lloyd) Williams; married in Licking county, Ohio, February 1, 1860; came to this county, 1866. Wife, Mary, daughter of William T. and Charlotte (Jones) Griffiths, born in South Wales, September 17, 1835. Ten children: William G., born November 15, 1860; John D., March 10, 1862; Catharine, October 14, 1863; Charlotte, August 7, 1865; Thomas S., January 16, 1867; David L., December 21, 1869; Henry R., November 5, 1871; Hugh F., November 19, 1873; Mary, January 30, 1876; Walter E., November 26, 1879. He has served as township trustee. Address, Vaughnsville, Putnam county, Ohio.

THOMAS J. WILLIAMS—son of John and Sarah (Morgan) Williams, was born in South Wales, June 19, 1830, and came to this county in 1863. His wife, Esther, daughter of Samuel and Mary (James) Thomas, was born in South Wales, April 8, 1825, where they were married July 25, 1848. They have had nine children: Ann, born October 6, 1849, *died* January 31, 1851; Evan J., September 13, 1851, living at Delphos, Ohio; John, December 13, 1852, *died* June 29, 1878; James, December 30, 1854; Sarah A., October 25, 1857, lives in Delphos, Ohio: Mary J., November 4, 1859; Thomas W., December 4, 1861; Samuel, March 14, 1863; Elias, July 7, 1865. An adopted child, Mary A. Hughes, was born May 19, 1877. Occupation, farming. Address, Vaughnsville, Putnam county, Ohio.

PERRY TOWNSHIP.

JOHN P. BIBLER—son of Samuel and Mary (Purkey) Bibler, is a stock dealer and farmer, and was born in Marion county, Ohio, May 8, 1830. He was married in that county, March 14, 1850, and settled in this county in 1862. His wife, Matilda, whose parents, Moses and Susan (Rowland) Layton, came to this county in 1864, was born in Erie county, Ohio, March 4, 1833. Six children are the result of their union: Gilderoy P., born February 6, 1851; Samuel M., September 5, 1852; Virgil V., June 30, 1854; Frances R., May 14, 1858; John E., December 29, 1866; Mary A., August 3, 1869. His grandfather, Bibler, served through the war of the Revolution, under General Washington. He has served as trustee of the township. Address, Dupont, Ohio.

SAMUEL M. BIBLER—whose parents, John P. and Matilda (Layton) Bibler, came to this county in 1862, was born in Williams county, Ohio, September 5, 1852. His wife, Mary A., whose parents, Jacob and Fanny (Fretz) Ridenour, settled in this county in 1826, was born January 30, 1856. They have two children: Ivy A., born November 20, 1876, and Blanche, August 6, 1878. Occupation, farming. Address, Dupont, Ohio.

WILLIAM BIDLEMAN—son of John and Eliza (Crider) Bidleman, was born in Auglaize county, Ohio, July 23, 1833, and settled in this county in 1855. His uncle, David Crider, was in the Mexican war, and served under General Scott five years. In the war of the Rebellion his brother, Theophilus Bidleman, served as teamster one year, returned home, and died of disease contracted in camp. Business, saw-mill and stave factory. Address, Dupont, Putnam county, Ohio.

JOSEPH N. BOXWELL—son of Moses and Catharine (Faywell) Boxwell, was born in Cumberland county, Maryland, April 2, 1832, and came to this county in 1848. August 30, 1854, he married Adaline, daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Harden) Myers, her parents having settled in this county in 1829. She was born in this county August 19, 1833, and died November 25, 1875. They have had nine children: Charles, born January 8, 1857; Anna M., August 6, 1858, *died* August 5, 1860; Maggie E., March 22, 1860; Abraham M., April 26, 1862; Joseph S., August 4, 1864; Willie, September 2, 1866, *died* September 7, 1866; Albert E., August 8, 1867, *died* October 25, 1872; Eva M., December 6, 1869; John E., March 30, 1872. He has been justice of the peace six years; township clerk one year, and township treasurer one year. He enlisted in the Eighty-seventh Regiment O. V. I. June 4, 1862. At the battle of Harper's Ferry, September 26, 1862, he was taken prisoner, paroled, and exchanged. Re-enlisted in the Second Ohio Heavy Artillery, and was honorably discharged at Columbus, Ohio, June, 1865. In consequence of exposure he lost his eyes, and gets a pension. Business, merchant and farmer. Address, Evansville, Putnam county, Ohio.

REMUS R. BROWN—was born in this county February 25, 1850. His parents, David I. and Elizabeth (Shaw) Brown, came into the county in 1849. His wife, Clara, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Prowant) Shirley, who settled here in 1849 and 1837 respectively, was born March 5, 1858. They were married at Dupont, November 5, 1874, and have had three children: Zoe, born November 28, 1875; David I., July 25, 1877, *died* November 13, 1878; Elizabeth H., August 26, 1879. Occupation, farming. Address, Dupont, Putnam county, Ohio.

WILLIAM CRIST—was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, January 24, 1825, and is a son of John and Ann (Taylor) Crist. He is a merchant at Dupont, in this county, and settled in Delphos in 1847, which was in Putnam county at that time.

ELIAS W. DIMOCK—was born in Chenango county, New York, November 24, 1831, and settled in this county, in 1849, with his parents, Seneca and Julia B. (Beecher) Dimock. His father died August 11, 1860; his mother October 23, 1879. His wife, Mary, whose parents, Michael and Margaret (Harter) Ridenour, came to the county in 1825, was born March 21, 1835. They were married in Paulding, September 3, 1854. They have had six children: Phœbe, born October 26, 1855; Julia B., April 18, 1857; Jane, April 8, 1861, *died* September 4, 1862; Abigail H., February 2, 1863; Charles V., August 12, 1868; Romeo S., July 29, 1877. He has served as justice of the peace three years, was postmaster of Dupont three years, and has been a notary public since 1873. In the war of 1812 Timothy Dimock commanded a vessel on Lake Ontario. Business, civil engineer. Address, Dupont.

THOMAS F. GILLESPIE—son of Rev. John and Susannah (Hefner) Gillespie, was born, June 27, 1847, in Allen county, Ohio, and with his parents settled in this county in 1855. He has been twice married. His first wife was a daughter of N. A. and Rachel Boutell, and they were married July 1, 1867, in Defiance county, and had four children: Charles A., born July 3, 1868, living in Lima; Albert A., February 28, 1870, in this township; Gilford L., November 9, 1872, at Tiffin; Jennie, January 16, 1874, at Paulding. His second marriage was with Emma C. Pease, in Paulding county, November 5, 1876. She was born in that county March 21, 1858. One child, Margaret J., born January 20, 1878, is the result of the second union. He is justice of the peace. His great grandfather, Thomas Gillespie, served under General Washington. Two of his uncles, James and Ichabod Gillespie, were killed at the battle of Chickamauga. He served three years in the war of the Rebellion, and participated in the battles of Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, and Weldon Railroad. At the last named battle he was wounded, August 18, 1864, and draws a pension. Business, undertaker and cabinet maker. Postoffice, Dupont, Ohio.

PULASKI HARMON—whose parents, Ira and Phœbe (McClure) Harmon, settled in this county in 1833, was born January 5, 1847, and was married April 5, 1874, at Findlay, Ohio. His wife, Mary, daughter of Henry and Margaret (Funk) Schuler, who settled in the county in 1856, was born in Pennsylvania, June 27, 1850. They have two children: Harry E., born July 30, 1875, and Maggie M., March 6, 1878. Business, stock breeding and farming. Address, Sheridan, Putnam county, Ohio.

MANFORD M. HIXSON—son of John and Mary A. (Burnett) Hixson, was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, December 5, 1849, and came to this county in 1871. His wife, Belle, daughter of Elkanah and Mary (Bowen) Rockwell, was born in Columbus, Ohio, October 20, 1852, and they have two sons: Clinton J., born January 19, 1875, and Curtis R., December 11, 1876. Three of his brothers were in the war of the Rebellion, and one of them, Daniel, was wounded at Vicksburg, in which siege they were all engaged. He has been a practicing physician and surgeon, was one of the number who laid out Dupont, and is now the largest property holder in the place. His grandmother, Hixson, is still living, and is now 103 years old. Address, Dupont, Ohio.

PHILIP KESLER—farmer, was born in Holmes county, Ohio, November 3, 1839, and is a son of Frank and Elizabeth (Fenter) Kesler. He came to this county in 1865, and March 28, 1866, he and Sophia, daughter of John P. and Savilla Simons, were married. She was born in this county March 28, 1844. They have three children: Jennie, born January 20, 1867; Annie, March 22, 1873; John P., July 25, 1875. He served as constable in Greensburg township. On the 27th of April 1861, he enlisted in the war of the Rebellion, served three months; re-enlisted, August 22, 1862, and was discharged June 27, 1865. He participated in the battles of Loudon, Franklin, and Nashville, Tennessee; Atlanta, Georgia, and Kingston, North Carolina, Address, Dupont, Putnam county, Ohio.

SAMUEL KING—was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, May 13, 1842, and removed with his parents, Matthias S. and Christina C. (Wiverly) King, to this county in 1856. His wife, Amy E., is a daughter of Hiram H. and Melinda M. (Paxton) White, and was born in Franklin county, Ohio, April 18, 1857. Her parents came to this county in 1859. They were married in this county, July 2, 1874, and have two children: Everett H., born June 26, 1876, and Manford H., March 6, 1878. George Wiverly was in the Mexican war. He was in the war of the Rebellion, being a member of the Twenty-first Regiment O. V. I. three months, and of the Fourth Ohio Cavalry three years, and was in the battles of Murfreesboro, Franklin, Chickamauga, and Selma. Has held the office of supervisor. Occupation, farming. Address, Dupont.

MOSES B. LAYTON—was born September 25, 1807, in Bedford county, Pennsylvania. His parents were Moses and Mary (Levison) Layton. He is a stock dealer and farmer, and settled in this county in 1864. He has been twice married—the first time August 5, 1827; the second time December 4, 1854. His first wife, Susan, daughter of Jacob Rowland, was born in Maryland in 1805. His present wife, Phœbe, daughter of Henry Powell, was born in Virginia, December 3, 1825. There were five children by his first wife: Mary, born May 10, 1828, resides in Bryan, Ohio; Isabella, September 10, 1830, *deceased;* John R., August 5, 1832, resides in Wyandot, Ohio; Matilda, March 4, 1833, resides in this county; Jackson, August 4, 1834, *deceased.* His second wife had five children by a former husband: Hannah Bennett, August 25, 1844, resides in Upper Sandusky; Alonzo, October 9, 1846, resides in this county; Silas, March 5, 1848, *deceased;* Lydia, September 14, 1851, resides in Clinton county, Indiana; Henry, 1852, *deceased.* His father was in the war of 1812, under General Crawford. He served in the war of the Rebellion, until after the battle of Gettysburg, and participated in the battles of Cedar Mountain, White Sulphur Springs, Bull Run, Yorktown, Gordonsville, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Second Bull Run, Harper's Ferry, and Lookout Mountain. Address, Dupont.

MRS. WILLIAM S. LEMASTER—whose husband was a son of John and Elizabeth (Smith) Lemaster, was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, April 1, 1817. Her parents, both dead, were William and Mary (Patterson) Cornell. Her husband was born in Berkley county, Virginia, July 11, 1811, settled in this county in 1838, and died June 22, 1878. They were married in Seneca county, Ohio, February 1, 1838, and had eight children, only four of whom are living. Occupation, farming. Address, Sheridan, Putnam county, Ohio.

JAMES MONROE—son of Nathaniel and Catharine (Branan) Monroe, was born in Culpepper county, Virginia, November 2, 1825, and settled in this county in 1848. He was married in this county October 24, 1850. His wife, Rachel, is a daughter of John and Rachel (Hanley) Young, and was born May 17, 1826, in Crawford county, Ohio. She and her first husband, Samuel Elwell, were married January 25, 1849, and he died April 14, 1849. They have had four children, two of whom have died: John B., born March 27, 1853, *died* July 25, 1853; Doras N., January 28, 1857; Eliza J., August 31, 1858; James W., April 16, 1861, *died* September 30, 1861. Mr. Monroe is proprietor of the hotel at Dupont, Putnam county, Ohio.

JACOB C. MYERS—whose parents, Peter and Anna B. (Crouse) Myers, settled in the county in 1834, was born January 11, 1839, in this township. His father died in 1879, his mother in 1860. He has been twice married. His first wife, Mary F., daughter of Zachariah and Susan (Jimison) Metcalfe, was born in Van Wert county, Ohio. They were married at Delphos, Ohio, March 17, 1872. His second wife, Maggie D., daughter of Richard and Diana (Whites) Wilcox, was born in this county August 8, 1856. They were married January 9, 1876. He has three children: Florence M., born August 22, 1873; Laura B., February 20, 1877; Morton P., July 13, 1878. He has been constable eight years, and has taught seven terms of school. He served in the war of the Rebellion, and was taken prisoner at Harper's Ferry in 1862. He had a brother who was killed at Independence, Missouri, in 1861. Business, farming and stock raising. Address, Dupont.

MRS. SAMUEL MYERS—whose husband died August 27, 1859, was born in Licking county, Ohio, May 8, 1816. Her father and mother, Abraham and Catharine (Wishart) Harden, settled in this county in 1832, and died in 1858 and 1866, respectively. Her husband, son of John and Mary (Dillon) Myers, was born in Washington county, Maryland, April 1, 1793. His parents came to this county in 1832, he accompanying them, and they died in 1840 and 1852. She was married to Mr. Myers, Christmas Day of 1833, and ten children were born to them: Adaline, born August 19, 1836; Ann A., July 17, 1838; Samuel H., February 22, 1840; Jacob, April 17, 1841; Abraham, August 20, 1843; Susan, September 26, 1845; Margaret M., November 17, 1847; David, November 29, 1849; Huldah C., September 17, 1852; Malinda, September 21, 1857. Her grandfather, William Harden, served through the war of the Revolution; and her father, Abraham Harden, served in the war of 1812 a short time, was taken sick and sent home. Her husband was one of the first commissioners of this county, and helped to lay out the village of Kalida. Mrs. Myers was the first white woman that was married in this county, and her father kept a pioneer hotel on the farm now owned by his son, George Harden, in Blanchard township. Occupation, farming. Address, Evansville, Putnam county, Ohio.

JOHN PROWANT—is a minister and farmer, and was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, December 2, 1831. His parents, Christian and Catharine (Gable) Prowant, settled here in 1836, and died in 1867 and 1874. His wife, Susannah, daughter of John and Mary M. (Harger) Burkhart, was born in Holmes county, Ohio, December 29, 1825. They were married in this county September 3, 1843. Her parents died in 1861 and 1854 in Paulding county. Nine children have been born to them: Mary M., June 27, 1844, *dead;* John W., October 5, 1845, now in Nebraska; Catharine, October 2, 1847, *died* May 27, 1878; Sarah E., February 10, 1850; Daniel R., July 23, 1852; Salome, November 10, 1855; Nathaniel, February 28, 1858; Mary A., August 10, 1860, now in Paulding; Ruth M., April 2, 1863. He has served as trustee, treasurer, or assessor of the township for a number of years past. George Burkhart, grandfather of Mrs. Prowant, served through the Revolution, lived in a sycamore tree in Kentucky, in which he kept hotel, and reached the age of 118 years. A son and several sons-in-law served in the war of the Rebellion. Mr. Prowant is a minister of the Dunkard church. Address, Dupont.

ISRAEL RIDENOUR—was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, August 18, 1825, and came with his parents, Henry and Margaret (Brenthaver) Ridenour, to this county in 1833. His father died in 1846, his mother in 1857. His wife, Louisa, whose parents, George and Justena (Weaver) Lutez, settled here in 1854, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, May 25, 1828. They were married in Ottawa township, September 7, 1850, and have no children. His grandfather, Adam Brenthaver, served throughout the Revolutionary war, and his father served through the war of 1812. A cousin, Isaac Ridenour, was killed at Gettysburg. He has held the office of constable. Business, stock dealer and farmer. Address, Dupont.

JACOB RIDENOUR—son of John Ridenour, who died April 21, 1848, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, March 2, 1815, and settled in this county, with his father, in 1826. His wife, Fanny, whose parents, John and Fanny (Shelly) Fretz, came to the county in 1835, was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, August 27, 1825. They were married in this county, March 2, 1847, and have had ten children: William, born April 14, 1848, *died* October 11, 1849; Jane E., January 19, 1850; John F., September 21, 1851; Albert E., February 5, 1854; Mary A., January 30, 1856; Elizabeth L., July 26, 1858; George W., October 27, 1860; Priscilla E., January 16, 1863; Orlando E., April 15, 1865; Clara E., February 9, 1869. His father was a soldier in the war of 1812. Occupation, farming. Address, Dupont.

JOHN SIMON—a farmer of this township, was born in this county March 28, 1833. His parents, John P. and Sevilla (Geushimer) Simon, settled in the county in 1836. His wife, Julia A., daughter of Nicholas and Catharine Brown, was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, November 22, 1840. They were married in Williams county, Ohio, December 24, 1863, and have had seven children, five of whom are living. Lucinda, born July 7, 1866, *died* August 31, 1866; Savilla and Catharine (twins), October 13, 1867, the latter *dying* November 2, 1867; Mary E., November 6, 1868; Matilda, December 7, 1870; Lucretia, September 19, 1873; Julia E., March 24, 1876. He served in the war of the Rebellion, participated in a number of battles, and at the second battle of Bull Run was wounded in the arm. Address, Dupont, Putnam county, Ohio.

ELI STEVICK—son of Jacob and Sarah (Myers) Stevick, was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, September 14, 1828, and came to this county in 1864. His wife, Judith, daughter of John and Nancy (Stuckey) Stemen, was born in Allen county, Ohio, December 12, 1834. Her mother died in 1837, and her father in 1866. Mr. and Mrs. Stevick were married in Allen county, Ohio, January 27, 1859, and have three children: Francecus S., born May 20, 1860; Carlisle E., January 18, 1862; Stemen C., October 29, 1863. He has been infirmary director since 1876. Business, coach maker and farmer. Address, Evansville, Putnam county, Ohio.

GEORGE W. STAMBAUGH—son of Frederick and Maria (Clickenger) Stambaugh, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, July 26, 1830. His wife, Mary E., daughter of John and Elizabeth (Cornwell) Coulter, was born also in Franklin county, Ohio, November 5, 1836. They were married at Columbus, Ohio, March 1, 1855. His wife died October 11, 1874. They had nine children: Alice, born November 14, 1855; Annie M., August 31, 1857; John W. and William R. (twins), August 30, 1859; Rosilla, March 28, 1862; Lione E., June 21, 1864, *died* July 11, 1872; George F., March 4, 1866; Manley H., February 26, 1868; Frank O., January 1, 1871. Business, carpenter and joiner. Address, Dupont.

HIRAM H. WHITE—was born in Monmoth county, New Jersey, February 5, 1835. He settled in this county in 1859. His parents, John F. and Eleanor (Williams) White, are dead; his father dying in Franklin county, Ohio, in 1841, and his mother in this county in 1870. He was married at Columbus, Ohio, November 23, 1853, and his wife, Linda M., daughter of Samuel and Amy (Wilcox) Paxton, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, August 23, 1838. They have had nine children: James M., born May 13, 1855, *died* November 28, 1858; Amy E., April 18, 1857; Sarah E., September 10, 1858; William H., March 9, 1861; John T., May 25, 1862; Mary H., May 25, 1867; Stephen A., October 8, 1868; Eli A., July 28, 1870, *died* January 27, 1873; Manford H., March 24, 1874. His father was drafted in France, and coming to America on a French furlough, joined the regular army. He was a member of the Twenty-ninth O. V. I., in the war of the Rebellion, and was in the battles of Savannah, Georgia, and Bentonville, North Carolina. He has held the office of trustee of the township. Occupation, farming. Address, Dupont.

WILLIAM R. WHITE—son of John F. and Eleanor (Williams) White, was born in Monmoth county, New Jersey, April 30, 1827. He settled in this county in 1855, and was married in Franklin county, Ohio, July 28, 1847. His wife, Nancy, daughter of Timothy and Rebecca (Souders) Winchester, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, March 6, 1827. They have had ten children, of whom five are living: John, born April 30,

MAP OF JENNINGS TOWNSHIP

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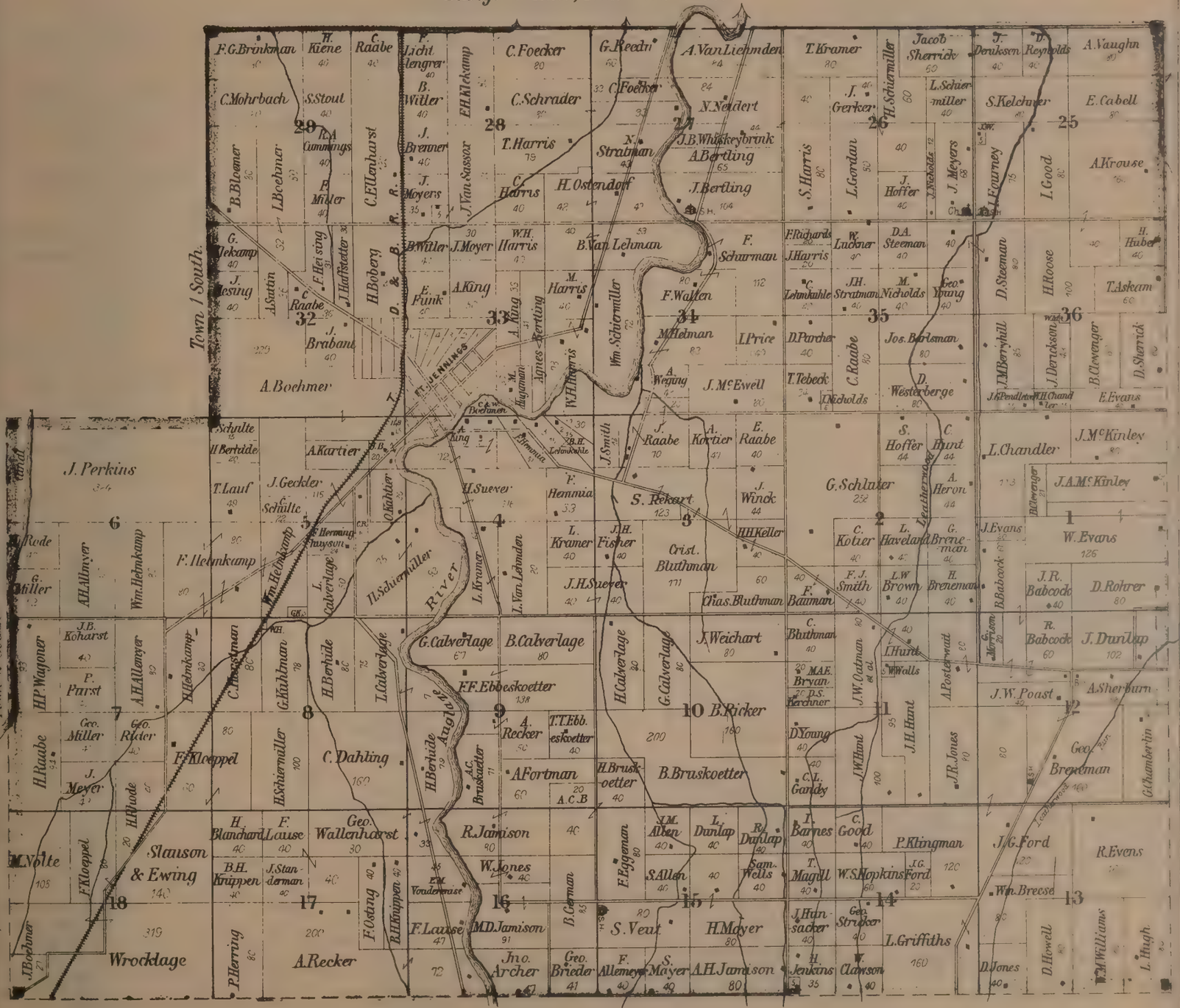
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F. Helmkamp
Slauson & Ewing
F. Kloeppel
C. Dahling
F.F. Ebbeskoetter
B. Bruskoetter
A. Fortman
R. Jamison
W. Jones
S. Veut
H. Mayer
A.H. Jamison
J.M. Jamison
F. Lause
Jno. Archer
Geo. Brieder
F. Allemeyer
S. Mayer
J.W. Poast
A. Sherburn
J.R. Babcock
D. Rohrer
W. Evans
L. Chandler
J.M.c Kinley
J.A.M.c Kinley
G. Schlueter
S. Rekart
J. Winck
J.H. Keller
Chas. Bluthman
J.H. Suever
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J.B. Whiskeybrink
A. Berding
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H. Ostendorff
N. Stratman
C. Foecker
G. Reedt
T. Kramer
Jacob Sherrick
L. Schiermiller
S. Harris
L. Gordan
J. Gerker
J. Hoffer
J. Meyers
I. Good
A. Krouse
S. Kelchner
E. Cabell
J. Equrey
D. Steeman
H. Roose
T. Askam
H. Huber
D. Sherrick
B. Clevenger
J. Derickson
T.M. Berryhill
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J.K. Pendleton
D. Westerberge
M. Nicholds
Geo. Young
D.A. Steeman
W. Luckner
F. Richards
J. Harris
C. Lehmkuhle
J.H. Stratman
C. Foecker
C. Schrader
T. Harris
J. Van Sassor
E.H. Klekamp
B. Miller
J. Brenner
J. Moyers
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W.H. Harris
B. Van Lehman
F. Schurman
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A. Weying
Agnes Keerting
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C. & W. Boehmen
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Hemmia
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E. Raabe
S. Hoffer
C. Hunt
G. Schlueter
A. Heron
J.H. Keller
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L. Kramer
J. Van Lemden
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H. Schiermiller
Wm. Helmkamp
A.H. Allmeyer
F. Helmkamp
H. Rode
G. Miller
J.B. Koharst
H.P. Wagoner
P. Parst
H. Raabe
Geo. Miller
Geo. Rider
J. Meyer
H. Rhade
C. Hoffman
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H. Berhide
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T.T. Ebbeskoetter
A. Recker
A.C. Bruskoetter
A. Fortman
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W. Walls
A. Posterwait
J.H. Hunt
J.R. Jones
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H. Blanchard
F. Lause
Geo. Wallenhorst
B.H. Knippen
J. Standerman
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E.M. Vonderhaise
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M.D. Jamison
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B. Gorman
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MAP OF SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP

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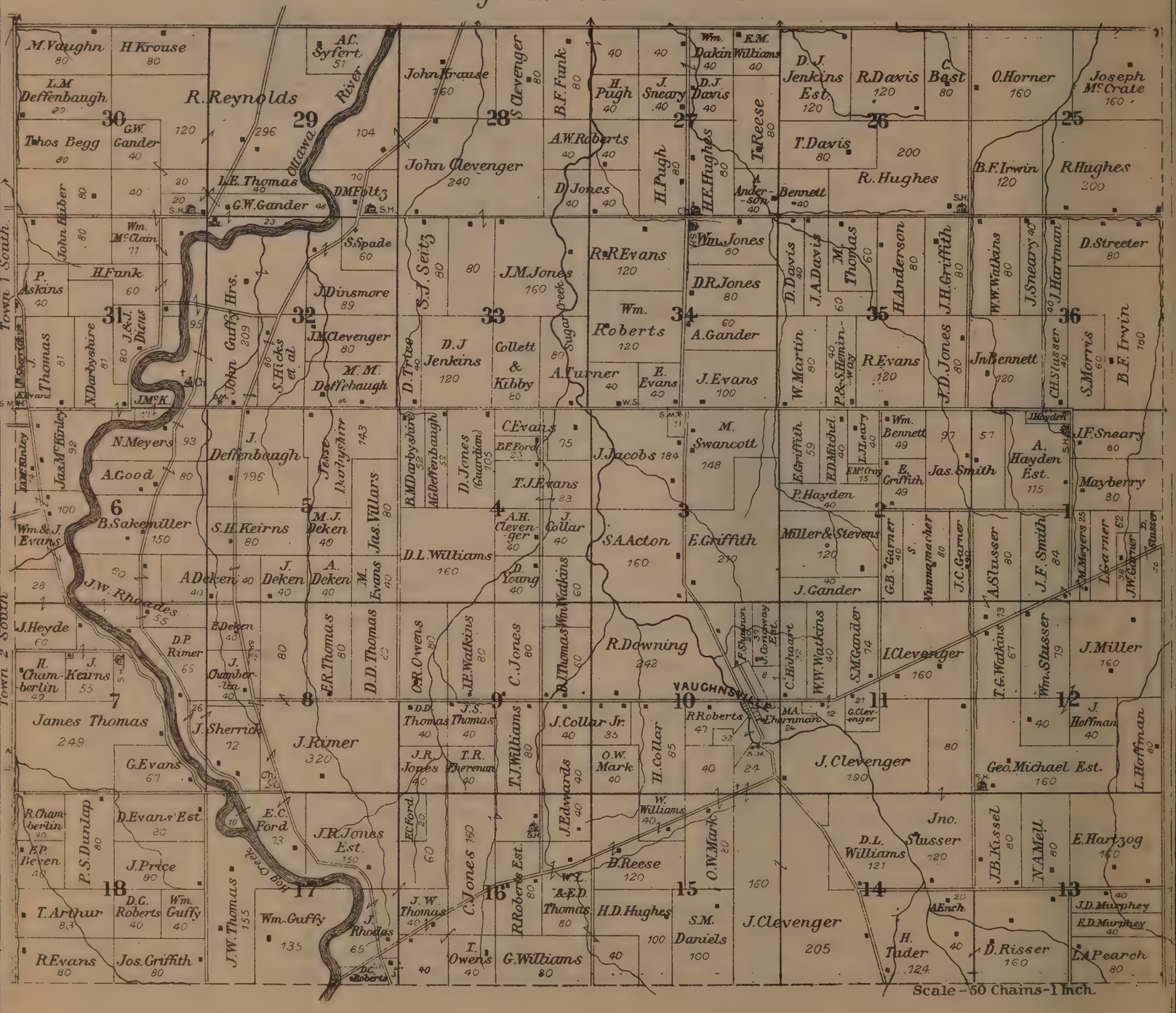

1848, *died* March 30, 1851; Delmer, November 9, 1849, resides in Paulding county; Henrietta, August 2, 1851, *died* November 30, 1862; William H., March 20, 1853, *died* August 29, 1854; Ida, October 14, 1855; Marion, September 30, 1858, *died* January 15, 1867; Lewis, February 21, 1861; Elias, May 27, 1864; Oliver, February 19, 1867, *dead;* Ada, April 29, 1868. His father served in the war of 1812. Dupont was all a wilderness when he came to the county, and he has served as trustee of the township four years, and as constable one term. Occupation, farming. Address, Dupont.

SAMUEL WOLLAM—who came to this county with his parents, Joseph and Mary (Shisler) Wollam, in 1853, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, September 10, 1844. His wife, Jane E., whose parents, Jacob and Fanny (Fretz) Ridenour, came to this county in 1826, was born January 19, 1849. They were married, April 19, 1868, and now have four children: Frank D., born January 18, 1869; Alfred L., October 16, 1870; Waldo O., January 17, 1874; Iden, September 16, 1879. Both of his grandfathers were in the war of the Revolution. He served in the war of the Rebellion, and participated in the battles of Rocky Face, Eutoy Creek, Atlanta, Knoxville, Columbia, Franklin, Nashville and Raleigh. Business, carpenter and farmer. Address, Dupont.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP.

JOHN AUMAN—son of Henry and Elizabeth Auman, was born in Germany, October 30, 1819, and settled in this county in 1839. His wife, Ann, daughter of James and Julia Bickett, was born in Frederick county, Maryland, and they were married in Cincinnati, October 30, 1843. He has been justice of the peace twelve years, and township clerk twelve years. Occupation, farming. Address, Fort Jennings, Ohio.

MRS. GEORGE A. BLAKLEY—whose maiden name was Martha A. Simms, daughter of Elkanah and Nancy (Ford) Simms, was born in Madison county, Virginia, in 1825. Her husband was the son of George and Sarah (Chambers) Blakley, and was born in Franklin county, Ohio, in 1822. They were married in that county in 1843, settled in this county in 1851, and he died March 28, 1871. They have had nine children: Nancy Jane, born June 8, 1844, *died* November 11, 1871; Mary C., July 5, 1849, *died* December 23, 1877; John W., March 23, 1852; Benjamin G., May 13, 1854; James B., December 31, 1856; Robert T., October 5, 1859; Amanda E., October 29, 1861, *died* April 14, 1875; George M., September 25, 1864, *died* October 14, 1864; Louis A., May 1, 1867. Her husband served two terms as supervisor. Her two grandfathers, Benjamin Ford and George Simms, were in the war of the Revolution, and the former in the war of 1812 also. She carries on the farm. Address, Kalida, Ohio.

SAMUEL DUNAVIN—son of John and Levina (Messix) Dunavin, was born in Essex county, Delaware, in 1831, and settled in this county in 1853. His wife, Eliza J., daughter of Jonathan and Susan (Kemper) Freeman, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1833. Her parents came to this county in 1853. They were married in Franklin county, in 1852, and seven children have been born to them: Nancy A. J., born February 27, 1854; Samuel F., May 15, 1856; John C. and Ida A. (twins), March 18, 1861, first named *died* March 31, 1862; William W. and Clara E., October 14, 1865, last named *died* January 13, 1875; Caleb L., August 6, 1871. His wife's father, Jonathan Freeman, served one year in the war of 1812. Her two brothers, Jarret and Jonathan, served in the war of the Rebellion. Jarret died in Andersonville Prison, and Jonathan was killed at the siege of Vicksburg. Occupation, farming. Address, Kalida, Ohio.

SAMUEL FUNK—son of Henry and Elizabeth (Hamshire) Funk, whose parents settled in this county in 1840, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1836. His wife, Martha, was born in Delaware county, Ohio, and her parents, Benjamin and Rebecca (Miller) Dykers, settled here in 1844. They were married in this county in 1877. By his first wife he has had seven children: John M., born November 3, 1866, *died* May 13, 1872; Elizabeth Jane, May 13, 1868; William H., September 20, 1869, *died* July 27, 1870; Maggie E., December 13, 1871; Mary E., September 8, 1873; Norah A., April 8, 1874; Francis E., August 23, 1875. He is a farmer and manufacturer of drain-tile. Address, Fort Jennings, Ohio.

S. P. HARRIS—was born in this county in 1833. His parents, W. H. and Margaret M. (Martin) Harris, settled in this county in 1823. His wife, Minna, whose parents, Cornelius and Catharine (Haverhals) Kortier, came to this county in 1848, was born in Holland in 1835. They were married in this county in 1856. They have seven children: Catharine, born January 3, 1858; Cornelia M., January 3, 1860; Arthur, October 20, 1861; Peter, September 24, 1863; Logan, March 9, 1866; Ransford, December 26, 1868; Mary, June 14, 1871. His grandfather was in the war of 1812, and he served three years in the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming. Address, Fort Jennings, Ohio.

JOHN HOPPER—son of John and Eliza Hopper, was born in England, September 12, 1825. His wife, Charlotte, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Kinnison, was born in Virginia, November 30, 1824, and they were married in Jackson county, Ohio, in 1845. In Pike county, Ohio, he served as constable. Occupation, farming. Address, Hunstown, Ohio.

HENRY HANEFELD—son of Frederick and Doretta (Busa) Hanefeld, was born in the German Empire, in 1836; was married there in 1858, and came to this county in 1867. His wife, Meta, daughter of Diedrich and Rebecca (Hanges) Kriete, was also born in the German Empire, in 1833. They have had three children: John D., born March 22, 1860; Rebecca, May 13, 1862, *died* April 18, 1866, Frederick, January 1, 1865. He has served as supervisor and school director, holding the latter position at the present time. Occupation, farming. Address, Dog Creek, Putnam county, Ohio.

JOHN PHILIP A. KEMPER—whose parents were Herman H. and Anna M. (Dropelman) Kemper, was born in the German Empire in 1823; was married in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1852, and settled in this county in 1854. His wife, Mary Angel, daughter of John H. and Anna M. (Lava) Farnan, was also born in the German Empire, in 1832. Her parents came to this county in 1852. They have had ten children: Anna M., born August 6, 1855, living in Delphos, O.; John H., August 24, 1857; John Peter Philip, May 15, 1859, now at Glandorf; Gerhard G., September 10, 1862; Mary A., March 10, 1864; Alouisins, April, 1866, *died* April, 1866: Catharine, July 24, 1868; Joseph, September 17, 1873; Gerhard H., October 27, 1875. He has served as school director two terms, having been the first school director in the township. Occupation, farming. Address, Ottoville, Putnam county, Ohio.

EDWARD LADD, Jr.—whose parents, Edward and Susannah (Tillberry) Ladd, settled in this county in 1833, was born in Champaign county, Ohio, in 1832. His wife, Nancy Jane, daughter of Samuel and Diantha (Harris) Miller, was born in Allen county, Ohio, in 1833. They were married in this county in 1854, and have had eleven children: infant, born July 3, 1855, *died* same day; Jefferson, August 14, 1857; Milla A., March 19, 1858; Martha E., March 23, 1860; Priscilla, May 2, 1862; Clark H., March 5, 1864, *died* August 26, 1875; Sarah J., August 31, 1837; infant, September 10, 1869, *died* same day; Mary M., February 15, 1870; Edward, April 21, 1873; Madora, February 18, 1875. His grandfather, Allison Ladd, was in the war of 1812. Occupation, farming. Address, Kalida, Ohio.

JOHN RIMER—son of Jacob and Eliza (Saums) Rimer, whose parents came into this county in 1841, was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, in 1830. He has been twice married. His first wife, Eliza J., daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Carry) Dykers, was born in this county in 1833. They were married in 1850, and have had eight children: Esiba M., born August 24, 1851; William W., August 6, 1854, *died* August 22, 1861; John M., September 8, 1857, *died* August 20, 1861; Kate L., January 3, 1860, *died* December 1, 1875; Mary A., December 26, 1864; Elizabeth C., October 15, 1868; Sherman H., September 2, 1870; Luly J., November 24, 1872. His second wife, Rebecca, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Slack) Kirkendall, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1838, and they were married in this county in 1876. His three brothers, George, William, and Francis, served in the war of the Rebellion. The latter was killed at Jackson, Mississippi. Occupation, farming. Address, Kalida, Ohio.

FRANK SCHIMMOLLER—was born at Glandorf, Ohio, in 1836. His parents, Francis and Maria C. (Rickman) Schimmoller, came to this county in 1833. His wife, Mary E., whose parents, Arnold and Agnes (Von Lehmden) Gerking, came to this county in 1837, was born in the German Empire the same year. They were married in this county, in 1859, and have ten children: Ferdinand J., born August 19, 1860; Maria A., July 2, 1862; Franklin H., February 19, 1864; William, January 13, 1866; Bernhardina, August 3, 1868; Mary L., August 12, 1870; Louis, September 2, 1872; Rosa, August 29, 1874; Anna, March 25, 1876; Augustus H., June 22, 1878. He has been supervisor six terms. One of his wife's brothers served in the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming. Address, Fort Jennings.

JOHN STERN—who was the first settler in his section, and whose parents, Godfried and Anna C. (Dielen) Stern, came to the county in 1833, was born, in 1831, in the German Empire. His wife, Anna E., daughter of Frank and Anna E. (Fenter) Kastler, was also born in the German Empire, the same year, and her parents emigrated to this county in 1837. They were married in this county in 1856, and they have had a family of eleven children: Maria C., born March 2, 1857; Anna E., June 19, 1858; Adam G., August 18, 1859; John H., April 7, 1861; Joseph P., March 19, 1863; Foriena R., December 12, 1864; Gerhart, January 9, 1867, *died* February 21, 1867; George F., January 27, 1868, *died* February 26, 1868; Charles F., May 20, 1869, *died* March 21, 1873; Wilhelmina, January 27, 1872, *died* January, 1874; William B., October 5, 1873, *died* October 21, 1873. He has been school director six years. Occupation, farming. Address, Dog Creek, Putnam county, Ohio.

SAMUEL A. STUKEY—merchant and postmaster at Hunstown, of this township, is a son of John and Mary Ann Stukey, and was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1845. His wife, Rebecca A., daughter of William and Ruth Wildermuth, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, and they were married January 20, 1876, settling in this county the same year. They have one child, Tessia Antoinette, born October 30, 1876. He has held the office of justice of the peace. Address, Hunstown, Ohio.

MARTIN L. VEACH—was born in Franklin county, Ohio, September 3, 1849. He is a son of William and Nancy E. (Freeman) Veach, who settled in this county in 1853. His wife, Mary, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Seitz) Hall, was born in this county, January 1, 1850, and they were married in Kansas in 1870. Her parents settled in the county in 1839. They have three children: Nancy A., born October 12, 1871; William C., August 18, 1875; Charles, May 14, 1877. His grandfather, Freeman, served one year in the war of 1812. Occupation, farming. Address, Kalida, Ohio.

JOHN WATTERSON—carpenter and farmer in this township, is a son of Samuel and Lydia Watterson, and was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, in 1819. His wife, Margaret, daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Rigg) Harper, was born in the same county, in 1823, and they were married at Columbia, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, April, 1847, settling in this county, in 1852. They have had eight children, three only of whom are living: Rachel Ann, born October 24, 1847, *died* March 3, 1879; Samuel, November 26, 1849, *died* the same day; James Alexander, October 30, 1850, *died* September 29, 1852; Wm. Harper, April 9, 1854, *died* June 2, 1875; Charles Sherman, May 6, 1865, *died* May 21, 1872; George Owens, March 30, 1859; John Davis, December 3, 1861; Sarah Jane, November 30, 1853. He has held the offices of justice of the peace, township treasurer, township trustee and supervisor. Address, Kalida, Ohio.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP.

JOHN C. BOWMAN—farmer and stock-raiser of this township, was born in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, September 17, 1841. His parents, Jacob and Margaret (Snyder) Bowman, the former born in Germany, the latter in Mahoning county, Ohio, and they settled in this county in 1865. His wife, Eliza Ann, daughter of Shadrach and Louisa (Evans) Wolfe, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, June 15, 1851. They were married in Henry county, Ohio, November 10, 1867, and have had four children: Nellie Y., born August 20, 1868; Ida Ellen, October 26, 1871; William T., November 27, 1873, *died* February 16, 1878; Shadrach W., February 20, 1876. He served in the war of the Rebellion, participating in a great many battles. He was captured twice. The first time he was taken to Richmond, and thence to Belle Isle. He was exchanged at City Point, and returned to his regiment. He was next captured April 5, 1865, and was detained as a prisoner until Lee's surrender. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

JOHN H. BARLAGE—whose parents, Barney H. and Mary Ann (Hergerman) Barlage, settled in this county, from Germany, in 1835, was born here January 2, 1840. His wife, Gertrude, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Wepleman) Mahlman, was born in Germany, October 13, 1845, and they were married in this county October 3, 1866. They have five children, as follows: John J., Frank F., Mary W., Barney H. and Catharine E. Mr. Barlage lost his left arm August 16, 1871, while threshing wheat at Greensburg, Ohio. Occupation, farming and stock-raising. Address, Glandorf, Ohio.

GEORGE DIMPEL—settled in this county in 1858, and is a son of George and Margaret (Rosenbarger) Dimpel. He was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, August 11, 1843, and was married in that county, November 25, 1865. His wife, Mary, daughter of John P. and Barbara M. (Glanner) Mack, was also born in Fairfield county, December 8, 1840. They have four children: Emma C., born November 14, 1866, residing in Fairfield county; Mary E., November 1, 1868; Philip E., May 1, 1871; Albert C., February 14, 1877. He has served as supervisor and as school director for several years and is a farmer and stock-raiser. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

HENRY M. FOLTZ—son of John and Mary (Weiler) Foltz, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, June 27, 1835, and settled in this county in 1860. By a former marriage he has three children: Ada L., born February 28, 1861;

Charles E., April 25, 1864; Delia A., September 10, 1866. His present wife, Annie, is a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Ward) Skates, and was born in Delaware county, Ohio, September 4, 1844. They were married at Ottawa, Ohio, August 10, 1869. He is a farmer and runs a saw-mill. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

FREDERICK GOTTMEIER—was born in Germany, February 14, 1842, and is a son of Philip and Christina (Seafred) Gottmeier. He was married in Fairfield county, Ohio, June 10, 1869, and his wife, Sarah, is a daughter of Michael and Rosanna (Wolfinger) Sweitzer, and was born in Fairfield county, November 28, 1852. They settled in this county in 1871. By a former wife, he had three children: Louisa M., born March 23, 1863, residing in Fairfield county; John, March, 1865, *died* in March, 1868; Mary L., November 6, 1867, also in Fairfield county. By the present wife there are four children: Ellen C., born April 17, 1870; Rebecca A., November 27, 1872; Samuel F., December 25, 1873; Emma A., February 14, 1877. He has served as supervisor two years, and is a farmer and stock-raiser. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

ADAM HUMMONS—whose parents, John and Mary Ann Hummons, came to this county in 1837, was born July 31, 1839. His wife, Mrs. N. G. Hummons, whose parents, Joseph and Matilda Guthrie, settled in this county, in 1855, was born in Warren county, Ohio, November 2, 1847, and they were married in this county, December 16, 1866. They have three children: Truman F., born August 27, 1868; Howard C., November 30, 1870; John E., August 27, 1872. He is the present treasurer of the township. Occupation, farming. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

WILLIAM H. H. JAMES—whose parents, William and Ann M. (Butler) James, settled in this county in 1864, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, November 8, 1837, and was married at Ottawa, Ohio, August 19, 1869. His wife, Isabella, daughter of Samuel and Catharine (Dalzell) Whiston, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, November 29, 1846. They have four children: Ralph W., born March 29, 1870; Charles L., October 22, 1871; Olive E., February 26, 1874; Lewis H., June 24, 1876. He has served as township clerk and constable. His relative, Thomas L. James, served in the war of the Rebellion one year. Business, grocery and provision dealer, at Leipsic, Ohio.

WENZEL KLASS—whose parents, Joseph and Madaline Klass, settled with him in this county in 1856, was born in Austria, February 16, 1831. He has been twice married. His first wife was born in Germany, and died September 27, 1865. They had five children: Wenzel, born December, 1856, *died* January, 1857; Madaline, January 30, 1858; Catharine, August 27, 1859; Joseph, April 15, 1861; Franklin, March 31, 1863. His second wife, whose maiden name was Credentia Kapler, was born in Tiffin, Ohio, March 1847, and they were married at Cleveland, May 16, 1866. They have four children: Annie T., born August, 1867; Matilda, June, 1869; Elizabeth, January, 1874; Ferdinand, May 30, 1876; Tracy, January 6, 1880. He is a farmer and stock-raiser, and his postoffice address is Glandorf, Ohio.

HERMAN JOHN KRAUSS—whose parents, William and Catharine (Glanner) Krauss, settled in this county in 1847, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, March 29, 1843, and is a farmer and stock-raiser of this township. His wife, Sarah, whose parents, Charles and Margaret (Shoemaker) Kratzer, came to this county in 1859, was also born in Fairfield county, October 11, 1843. They were married at Ottawa, Ohio, June 20, 1867, and have a family of six children: Catharine M., born March 29, 1870; Clara E., April 1, 1872; Clyde, October 21, 1873; Mary L., August 29, 1875; Charles W., August 26, 1877; Herman H., August 27, 1879. A relative, Frederick Glanner, served in the Mexican war. His relatives, Gustave A. and Edward M. Krauss, served in the war of the Rebellion, the former dying near Vicksburg in 1863, and the other at St. Louis, in the same year. They were members of the Eighty-third Regiment, O. V. I. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

PHILIP M. KRAUSS—whose parents, William and Catharine (Glanner) Krauss, came to this county in 1847, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, October 23, 1844. His wife, Alemeth A., daughter of Joseph Bagley, was born in this county, where they were married June 10, 1875, and the union is blessed with two children: Eva Estella, born April 9, 1876, and Edward H., July 6, 1878, *died* February 23, 1879. Business, farming and stock-raising. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

WILLIAM KRAUSS—son of William and Frederika (Beller) Krauss, was born in Germany, June 21, 1812, and settled in this county in 1847. His wife, Catharine, daughter of Frederick and Margaret (Kramer) Glanner, was also born in Germany, November 30, 1813. They were married in Fairfield county, Ohio, September 10, 1837, and have six children; William C. G., Gustave A., Edward M., Herman J., Philip M., Theodore A. He is a farmer and justice of the peace, and his address is Leipsic, Ohio.

CHARLES W. KRATZER—son of Charles and Margaret (Shoemaker) Kratzer, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, July 20, 1840, and settled in this county in 1859. His wife, Harriet Ellen, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Keller) Handgen, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, October 9, 1849. Six children have been born to them: Charles E., December 2, 1869; Joseph A., August 3, 1871; William, November 5, 1872; Nelly F., April 22, 1874; Oliver, August 23, 1875; Albert, September 2, 1879. He served in the war of the Rebellion as a member of the Eighty-third Regiment O. V. I., and was engaged in a number of sharp skirmishes. Occupation, farming and stock-raising. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

GEORGE KRATZER—son of Charles and Margaret (Shoemaker) Kratzer, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, October 17, 1845, and removed with his parents to this county in 1859. Occupation, farming and stock-raising. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

SAMUEL KRATZER—was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, August 26, 1847. His parents, Charles and Margaret (Shoemaker) Kratzer, settled in this county in 1859. He and Jane Sappington, who was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, January 20, 1853, were married in this county, October 7, 1875, and have one son, William, born January 18, 1879. Occupation, farmer and stock-raiser. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

BENJAMIN F. McBRIDE—was born in Iowa, June 5, 1857. His parents, Joseph O. and Emeline (Cornwall) McBride, came to this county in 1859. Business, handle-finisher. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

MRS. HENRY MONTOOTH—whose maiden name was Joanna Seigler, is a daughter of Jacob and Mary Abigail Sigler, and was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, October 19, 1834. Her husband was a son of Alexander and Mary (Brakney) Montooth, and came to this county, with his parents, in 1834. His occupation was that of a farmer, and he died December 31, 1877. They have raised a family of six children: Mary A., born November 8, 1847; Malinda, May 21, 1849; John A., February 15, 1852; Thomas H., December 4, 1853; Alice, May 24, 1857; Ida, October 12, 1862. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

MRS. PHILIP SCHEY—daughter of Jacob and Magdaline (Walter) Bouch, was born in Germany, June 1, 1831. Her husband, Philip, son of Catharine C. (Emer) Schey, was also born in Germany, September 22, 1832. They were married in Columbus, November 25, 1856, came to this county in 1868, and he died November 7, 1879. Their family comprises eight children: Annie, born June 25, 1857; Philip, November 27, 1858; Mary, August 4, 1860; Peter, July 14, 1862; John, November 20, 1865; William A., March 5, 1866; Catharine M., December 14, 1872; Caroline E., June 10, 1873. She resides on the farm. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

JOEL SIGLER—son of Jacob and Mary Abigail Sigler, was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, August 9, 1827, came to this county in 1837, and was married here September 25, 1849. His wife, Mary, daughter of John W. and Rosanna (Seiford) Keel, was born in Stark county, Ohio, May 8, 1829, and they have had ten children, eight of whom are living: John T., born July 13, 1850; Sarah A., January 21, 1852; William N., December 17, 1853; Samuel E., April 22, 1856, *died* March 11, 1858; Jacob L., March 28, 1858, *died* October 5, 1858; George W., September 2, 1859; Charles H., February 18, 1862; Laura L., October 6, 1864; Emma F., May 31, 1867; Mary A., October 21, 1869. Occupation, blacksmithing. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

THOMAS SIGLER—son of Jacob and Mary Abigail Sigler, was born in Pennsylvania, December 2, 1829, and came to this county with his parents in 1837. His wife, Mary Pendleton, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, July 15, 1837, and they were married at Findlay, Ohio, February 7, 1866. By his wife's former marriage there were four children: Alvina Hollabaugh, born February 24, 1857; Henrietta Pendleton, February 19, 1859, *died* November 20, 1861; Mary Eva Myers, February 25, 1861; Lydia Dira Pendleton, February 13, 1863. Valentine E. Sigler served in a Missouri regiment in the war of the Rebellion, and was taken prisoner at the battle of Pittsburg Landing, where he died in 1862. Occupation, gunsmith and farmer. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

DAVID WALTNER, Sr.—son of Jacob and Sarah (Bowsher) Waltner, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, December 6, 1822. In Wayne county, Ohio, he married his first wife, Mary C. Moffet, October 15, 1844. The following year they settled in this county. She died May 12, 1848, having been the mother of two children: John W., born August 26, 1845, and Lavina, October 3, 1847. His second wife, Susanna, daughter of John and Ann (Sigler) Krabs, was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, October 20, 1818, and they were married in this county December 27, 1848. They have had five children, three of whom are dead: Mary C., born May 3, 1851, *died* April 14, 1870; Alexander M., December 27, 1853, *died* May 20, 1862; Israel K., November 1, 1855, *died* April 11, 1870; Sarah Ann, February 3, 1857; Amanda E., September 1, 1859. His son, John W. Waltner, served in the war of the Rebellion. Occupation, farming and stock-raising. Address, Leipsic, Ohio.

MISCELLANEOUS.

REV. MICHAEL MOELLER—was born in Osnabruch, Bavaria. His parents were John Moeller and Elizabeth Frey, who came to Ohio in 1852. March 15, 1868, he settled as pastor of the Immaculate Conception Congregation, Ottoville, Ohio. This was a mission station of Father Broedike. The first steps for the organization of this church were taken in 1850. He had purchased forty-eight acres of land, which he laid off in town lots. The town was named by him, and the proceeds of the sale of lots were donated for the erection of the church. He continued the mission up to the time of his death in 1858. He was succeeded by Father Westerholt, and in 1860 the foundation was laid, 40x80, and completed by his successor, Father Goebbels, in 1862. He was followed in 1863 by Father Abel, who was the first resident priest. In 1865, Father Best took charge. He was succeeded by the present pastor, Father Moeller. The mission commenced with five families, and the congregation numbers now one hundred and fifty families. Address, Dog Creek, Ohio.

PUTNAM COUNTY INFIRMARY—The farm contains one hundred and sixty acres; one hundred acres are now under cultivation. It was purchased in 1868 for $8,480. Cost of first building, $1,100. The first Board of Directors were John Keen, Isaac Vail, and Pressly Corren. At the first meeting, March 3, 1869, J. S. Williams was appointed Superintendent for 1869–70; salary, $600 per annum. Products of farm for 1869, $388. Number of inmates, sixteen. Expenses for 1870, $5,342 86; this included stock, implements, and improvements of farm. He was succeeded by Samuel McDowell, Superintendent, 1871–5. He was followed by the present Superintendent, William R. Sherrard; salary, $500 per year. The present Board of Directors are J. S. Williams, L. N. Crawfis, and Eli Stevick. Cost of present buildings, $10,000. Value of improvements of farm since purchase, $2,000. The buildings will accommodate eighty inmates. The total number now is fifty-one; adults, thirty-five; children, sixteen; idiotic, six; epileptic, three; blind, two. Total expenses for 1879, $4,912 76. Income from farm, $1,457 26. Present value of farm, $12,000. Total value of farm and improvements, $24,000.

STEPHEN CROW—was born in Columbiana County, March 18, 1826, and came to this county in 1835, with his parents, James Crow and Elizabeth Moreland. He married in this county October 28, 1847, Elizabeth Fretz, born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, July 16, 1828, daughter of John and Veronica (Shelby) Fretz, who settled here in 1834. Children: Mary M., born August 26, 1848; Fannie J., August 6, 1850; William J., October 27, 1852; Sarah E., March 7, 1855; James M., August 7, 1857; Isaac S., January 5, 1860; Elias S., December 27, 1862; Thomas G., March 23, 1865; Jemima Clymer, ———, 1872. His brother-in-law, Isaac Fretz, was in the war of the Rebellion, and was killed in the *last battle*, at Goldsborough, N. C., in 1865. Occupation, farming. Postoffice address, Ottawa, Ohio.

GLANDORF CHURCH.—In April, 1833, Rev. Prof. William Horstmann resigned his chair in the Gynasium Carolinum, at Osnabruck, Germany, for the purpose of founding a colony in America. He left Germany, August 28, 1833, accompanied by the following persons: John F. Kahle, Aton Tburg, Christian Strop, Wishmann F. Brodeik, Martin Bockrath, and W. Gulker. After ten weeks tedious voyage and travel, they arrived at Detroit. Leaving his companions there, Father Horstmann, with Mr. Kahle, traveled on foot through the sparsely-settled northwestern part of Ohio, in search of a suitable place for the intended colony. Finally, they selected the present site of Glandorf.

In January, 1843, the colony located on the lands bought by Father Horst-

mann. The nearest market was seventy miles distant, and the means of travel ox teams. A substitute for a mill, primitive and simple, was invented by means of two stones turned by their own hands. Little log huts were built for their comfort, and among the first was one destined to serve as a church and pastoral residence. On Easter Sunday, March 30, 1834, the first mass was celebrated therein by Father Horstmann. In 1836, the congregation increased by more emigrants, a commencement was made for building a proper church. This building was primitive in style, as was also the furniture. A hollow sycamore formed the pulpit, with a piece cut out for a door. The Indians, with whom the pioneers managed to be on good terms, assisted with willing hands in the building. The church was finished and dedicated in 1837. Soon after a school was established. Father Horstmann was the first teacher, and was afterward followed by lay-teachers. The good Father continued to be a guide to the colonists, encouraging them in their privations and difficulties, and directing them by his wise counsels. He labored among them until 1844, when God called him to his reward. His memory is and will ever be revered in this congregation.

His successor, Rev. George Boehne, was pastor from 1844 to 1848. Owing to the rapid increase of the members of the congregation, he saw the necessity of a larger church to accommodate them, and commenced its erection. This was the third one, a brick building, 90x50 feet. The corner stone was laid in 1846, and in 1848 the church was finished. In building this church the cash cost was reduced to a minimum by an admirable system of gratis labor. Each member had his appointed days when he was expected to come and give his work gratis, and such was the harmony and good will, that all submitted willingly to this arrangement. The church was dedicated in honor of St. John the Baptist, by Rt. Rev. Rappe, in the year 1849. It was a grand day for the brave pioneers, when, after toiling for sixteen years, of untold difficulties, they found themselves at last "out of the woods," and in possession of a church, which, at that time, they regarded as the *ne plus ultra*. The congregation was now given in charge of the Fathers of the Congregation of the Precious Blood.

Although, in the course of time, three now flourishing congregations were formed from the Glandorf congregation, it nevertheless went on steadily increasing to such an extent that the church, built in 1848, was getting uncomfortably small. After much talk on the subject, the erection of a new edifice was undertaken in 1874 by the present pastor, Rector Rev. B. Dickmann, ably assisted by Rev. James Marte, Alphons Laux, and Sebastian Eisenring, whose latter place, on account of sickness, is at present occupied *pro tem.* by Rev. B. Russ. This was the fourth Catholic Church edifice. In August, 1874, a subscription was taken up for its construction, amounting to $25,000. The foundation stones were quarried and hauled in 1874. In 1875 the foundation was finished. In 1876 the corner stone was laid, and the building put under roof. The tower was finished in 1877, the spire of which was built a second time, the first one having been destroyed by lightning. In 1878 the church was finished inside, plastered, beautifully frescoed and decorated with paintings, and furnished with handsomely stained windows. The edifice is a brick building, with cut stone ornamentation, a slate roof, in pure Gothic style in cruciform, 175x70 feet, and eighty feet in the transept. The tower is two hundred and twenty-five feet high. The cost of the building was $50,000.

The church, admired by all, was dedicated by Rt. Rev. Bishop Gilmour, on the 15th of December, 1878.

The harmony, good will, and free labor given by their fathers in building the church of 1848, were not forgotten by the present members in erecting this beautiful edifice, and they thus reduced the cost of the building at least $10,000. The congregation has now a church which rivals any in the State, one of which they may well feel proud. They have also seven schools in a flourishing condition, and, although some debt is yet resting on the same, there is every reason to believe that in a few years the last cent will be paid.

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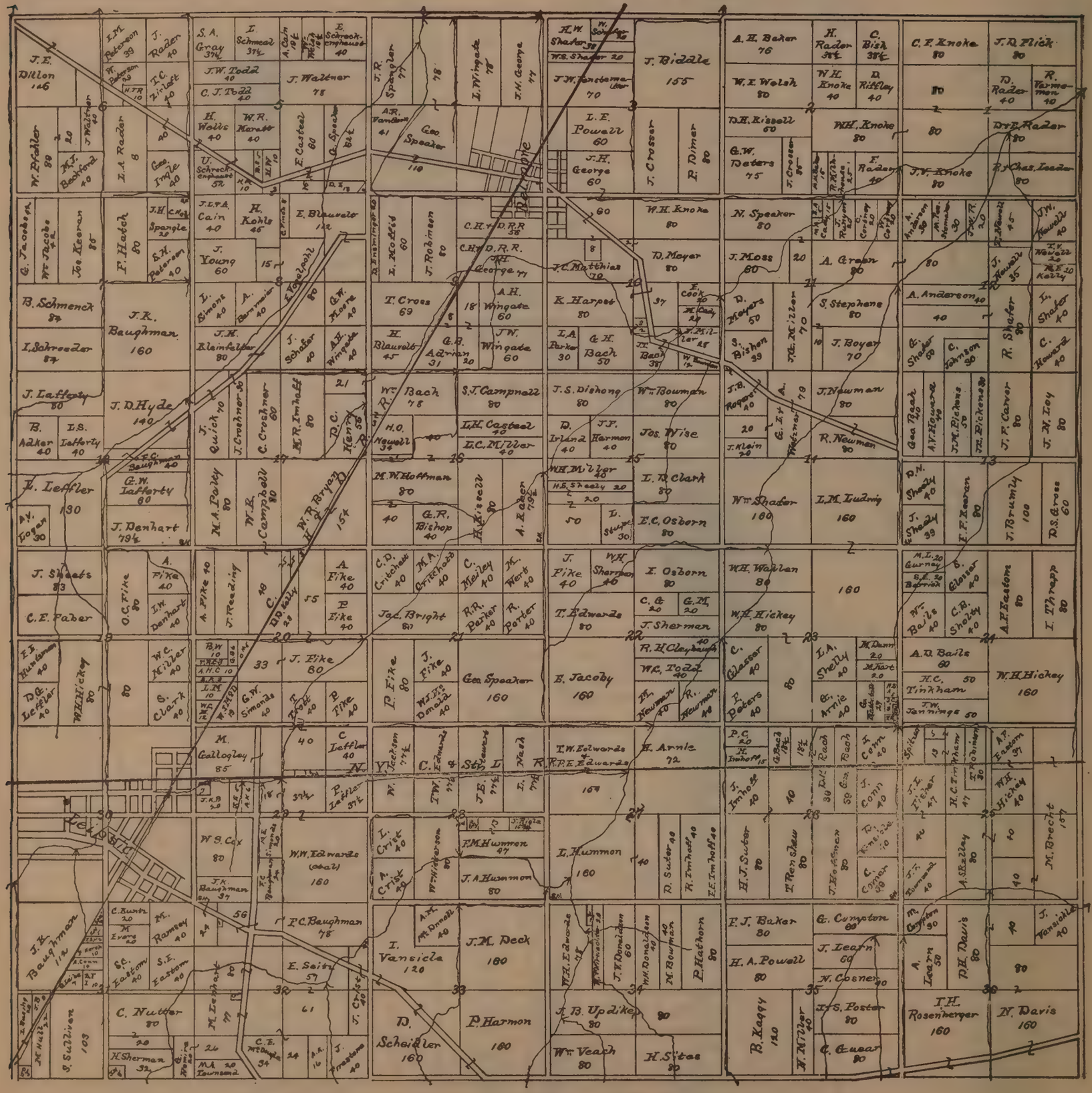

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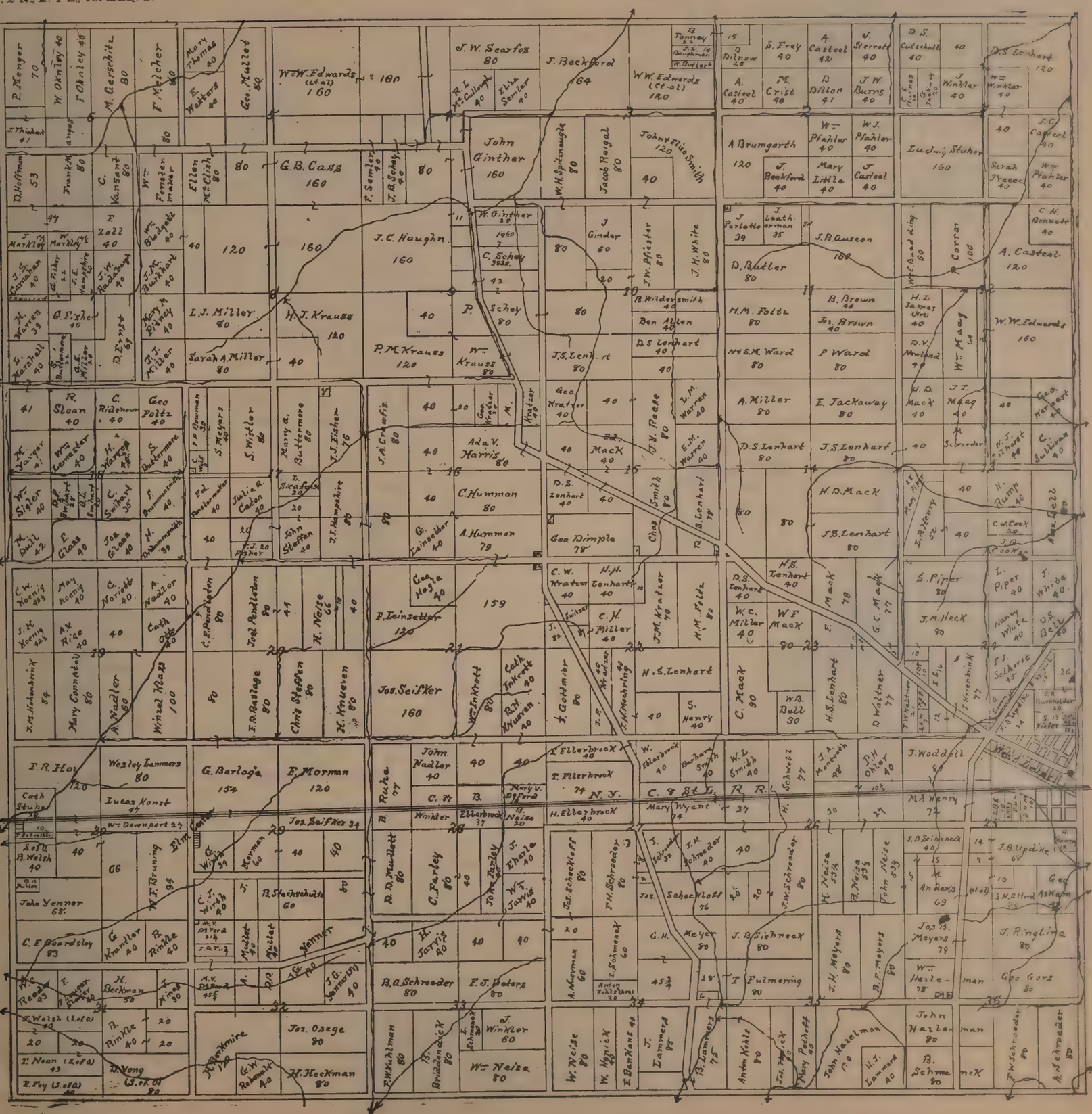

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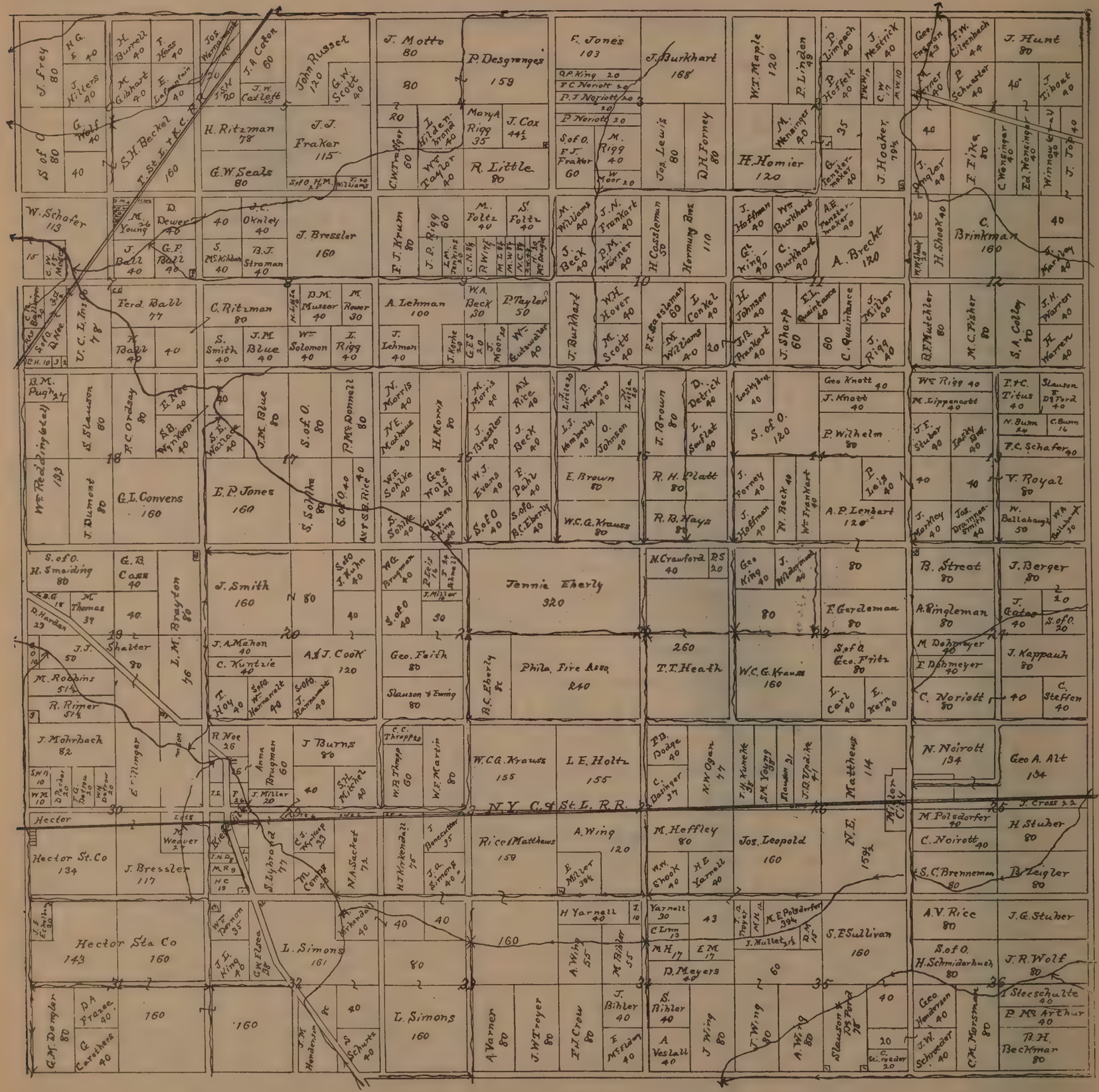

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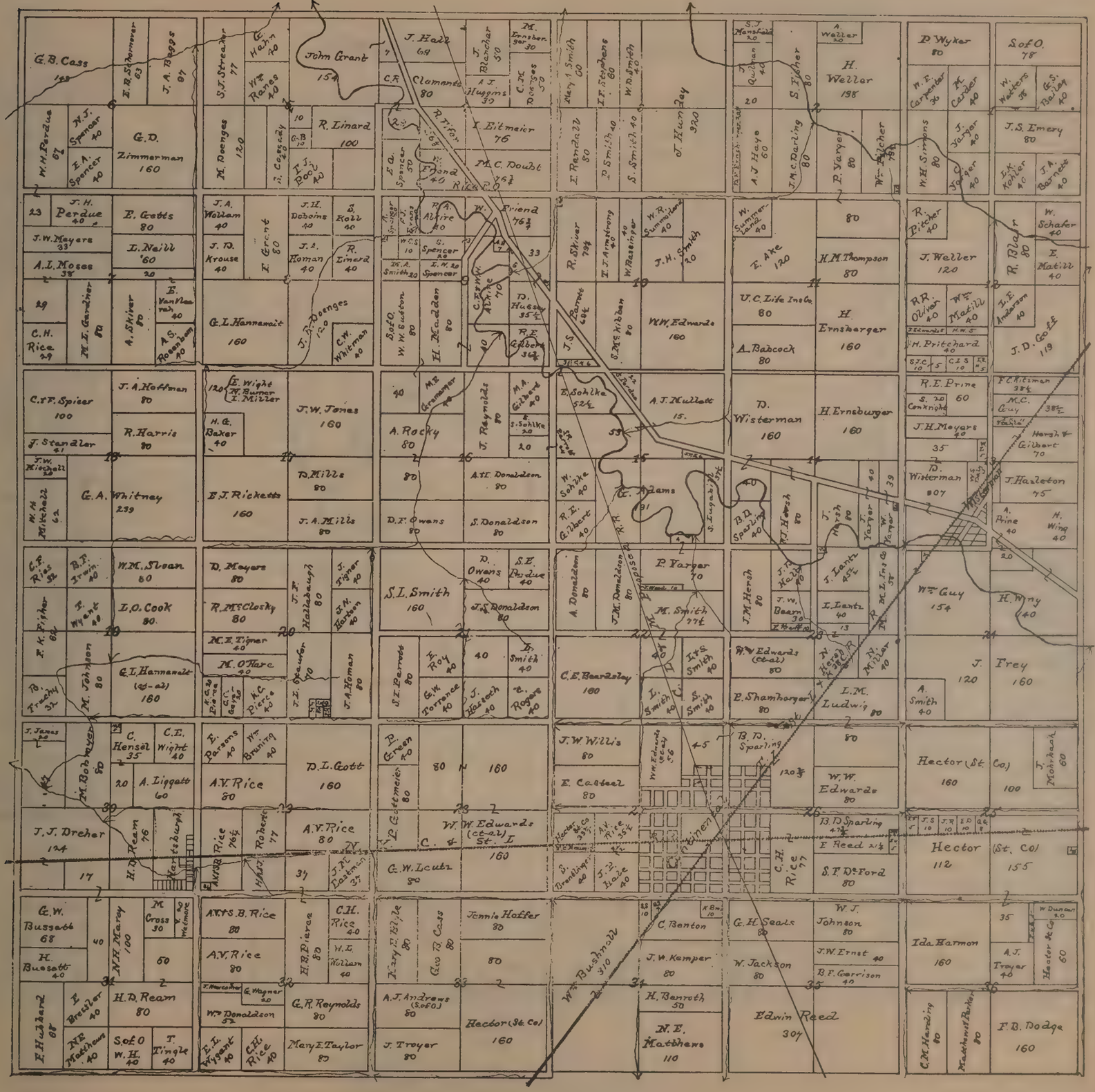

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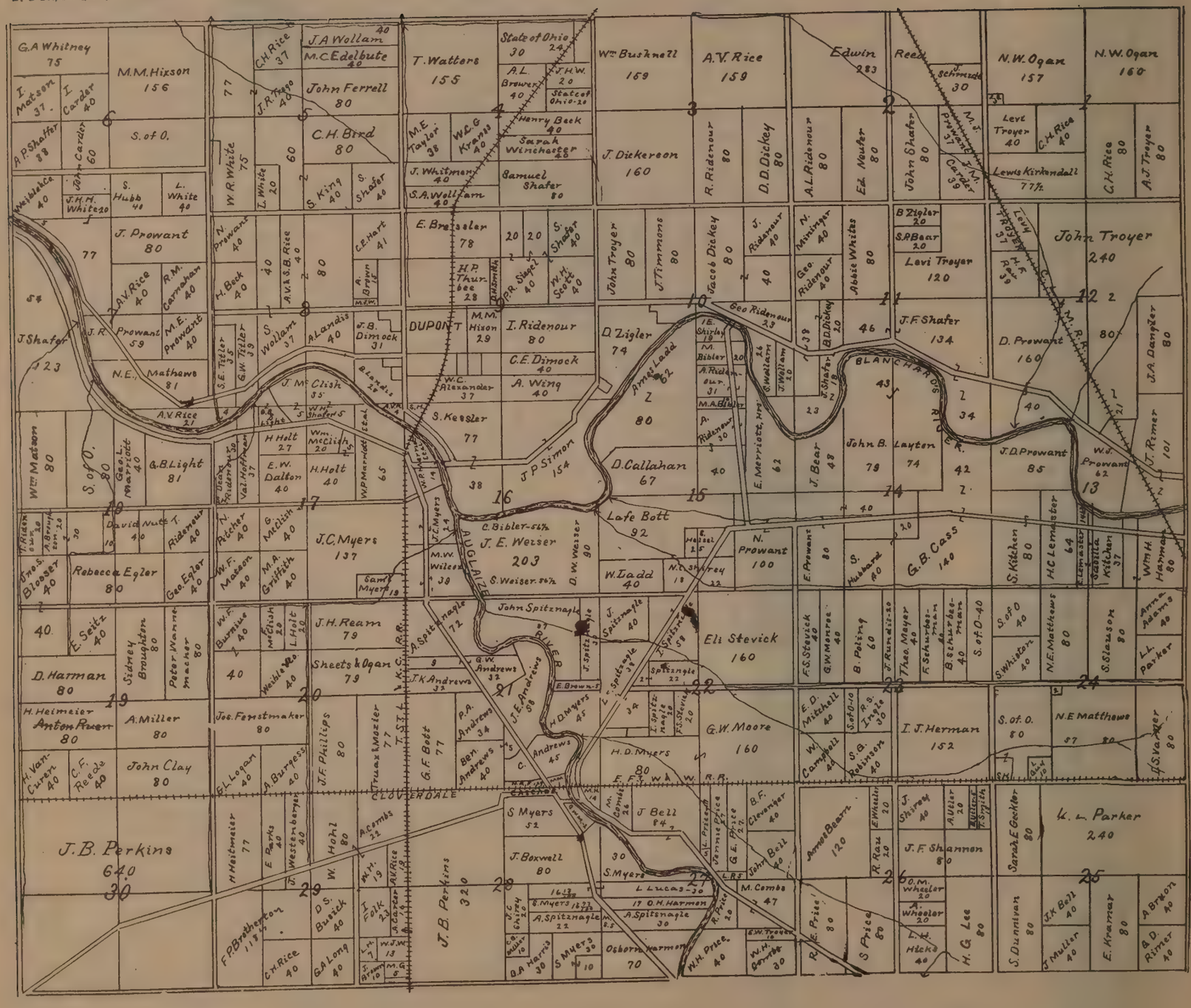

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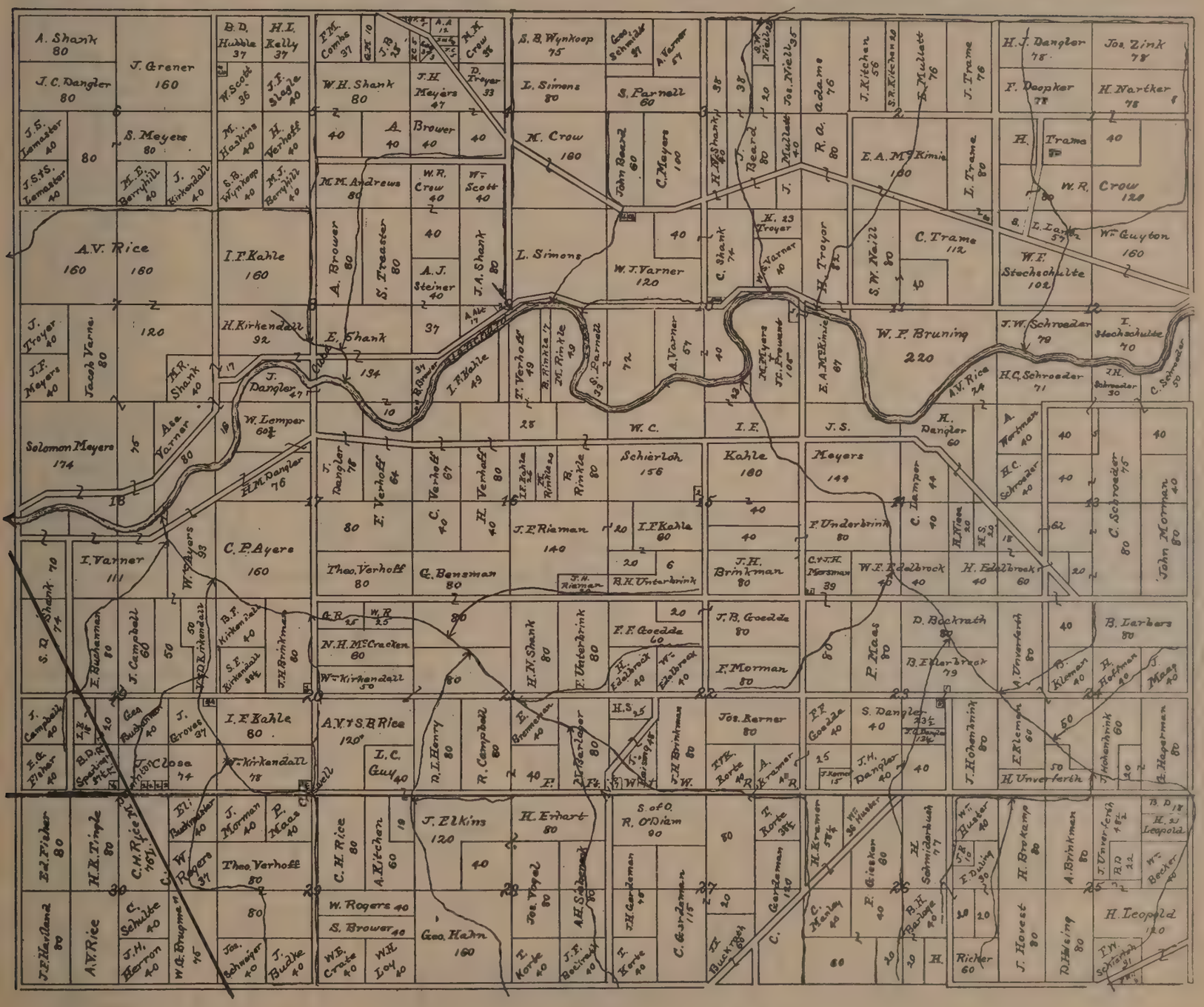

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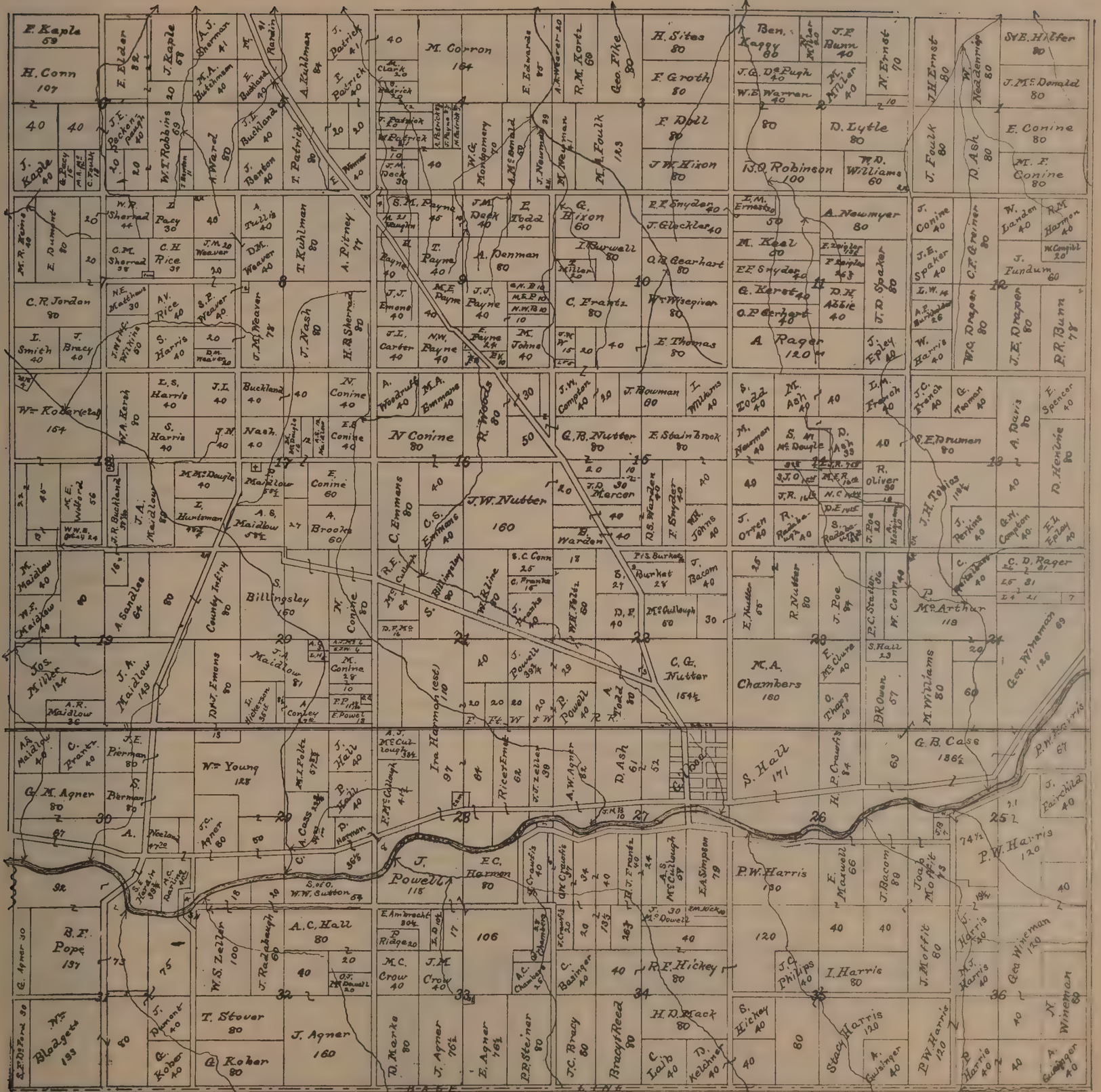

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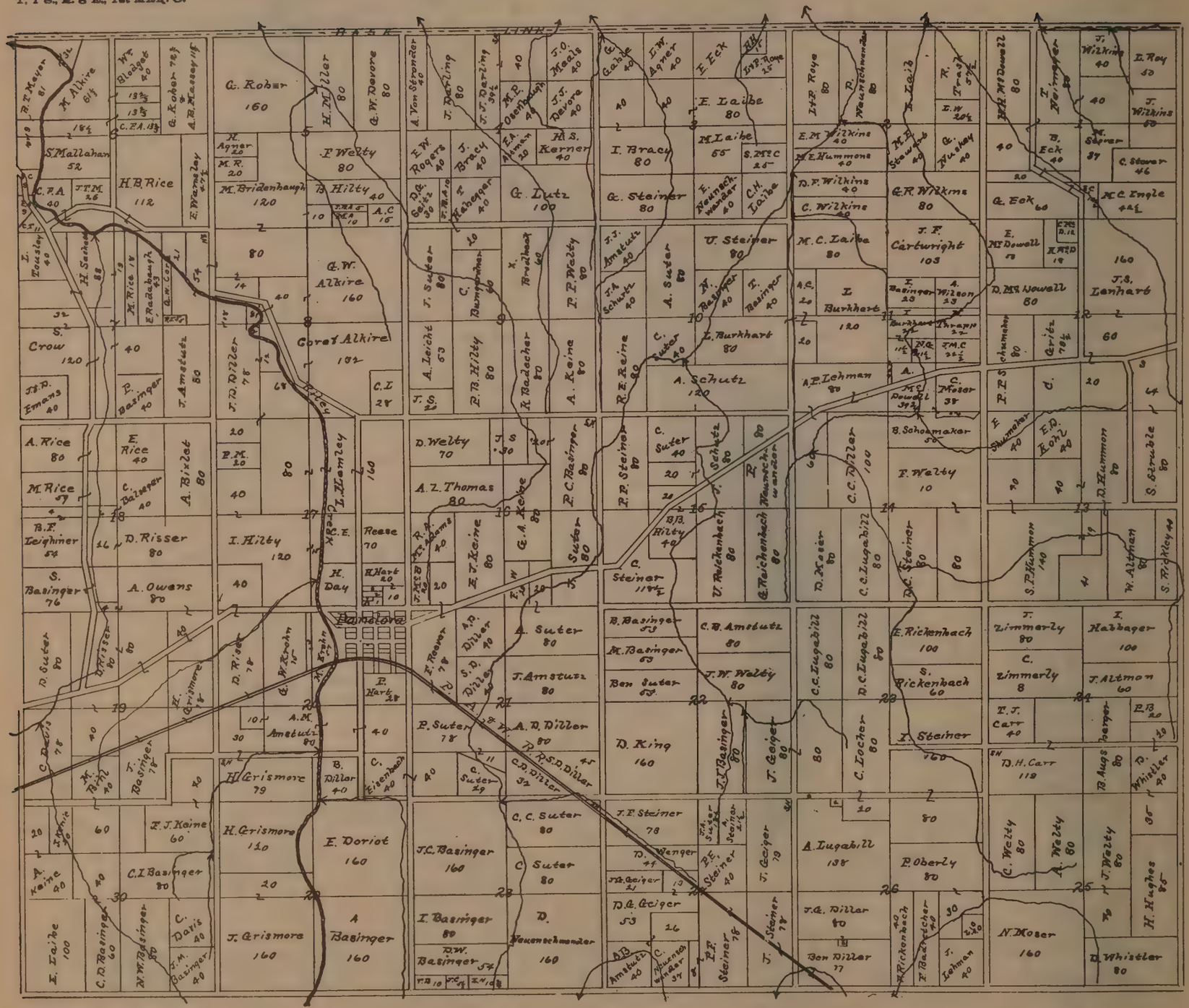

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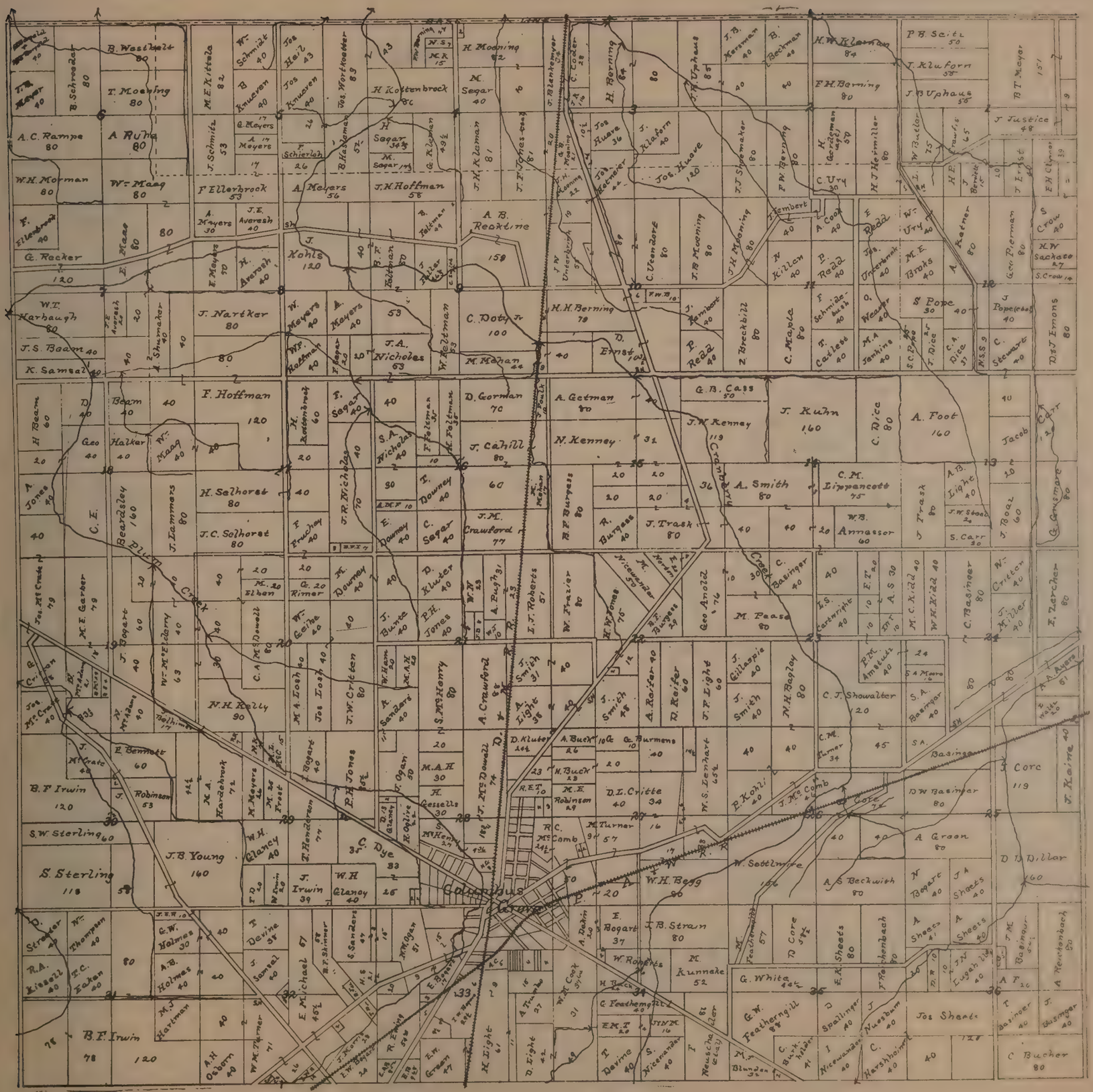

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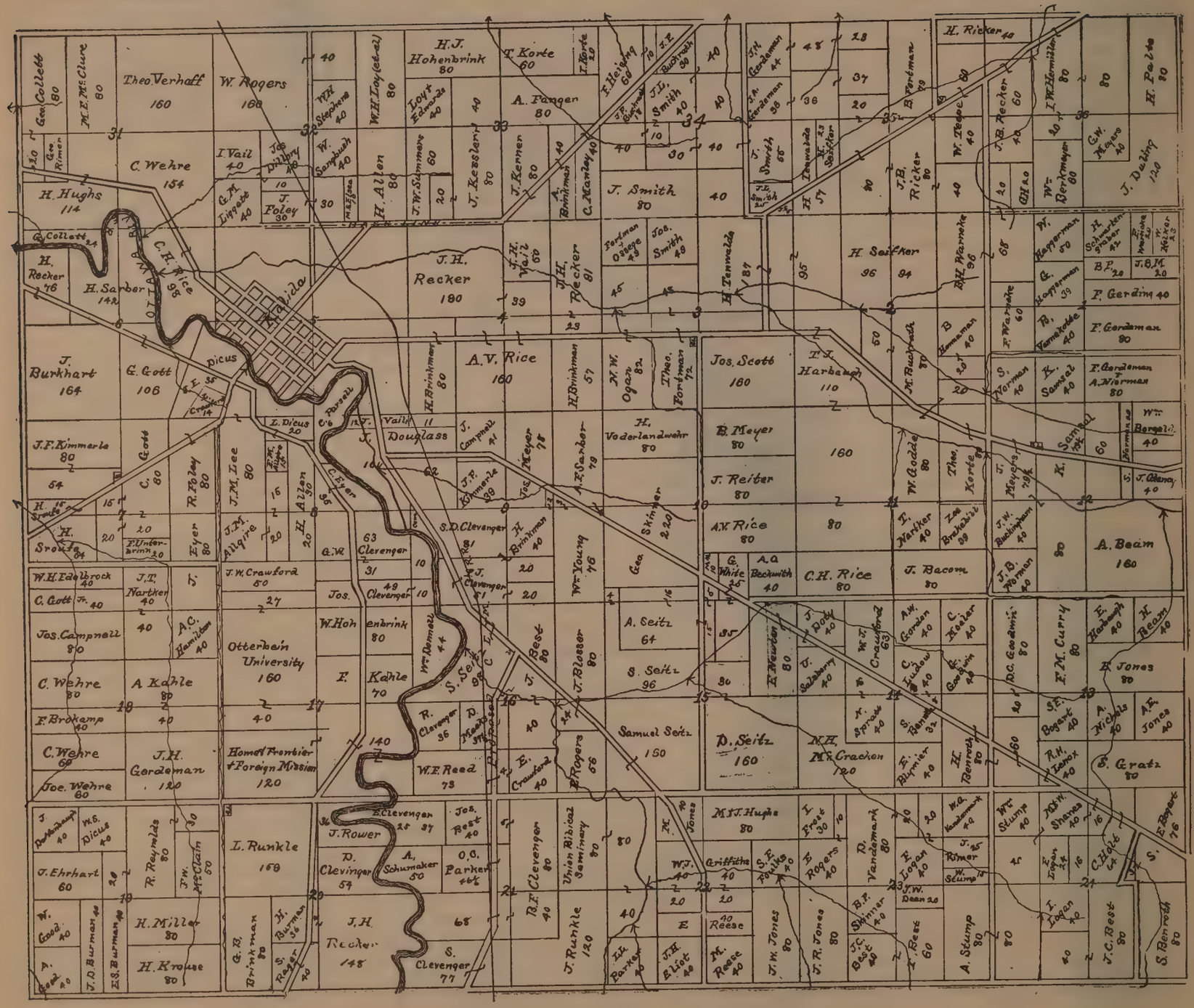
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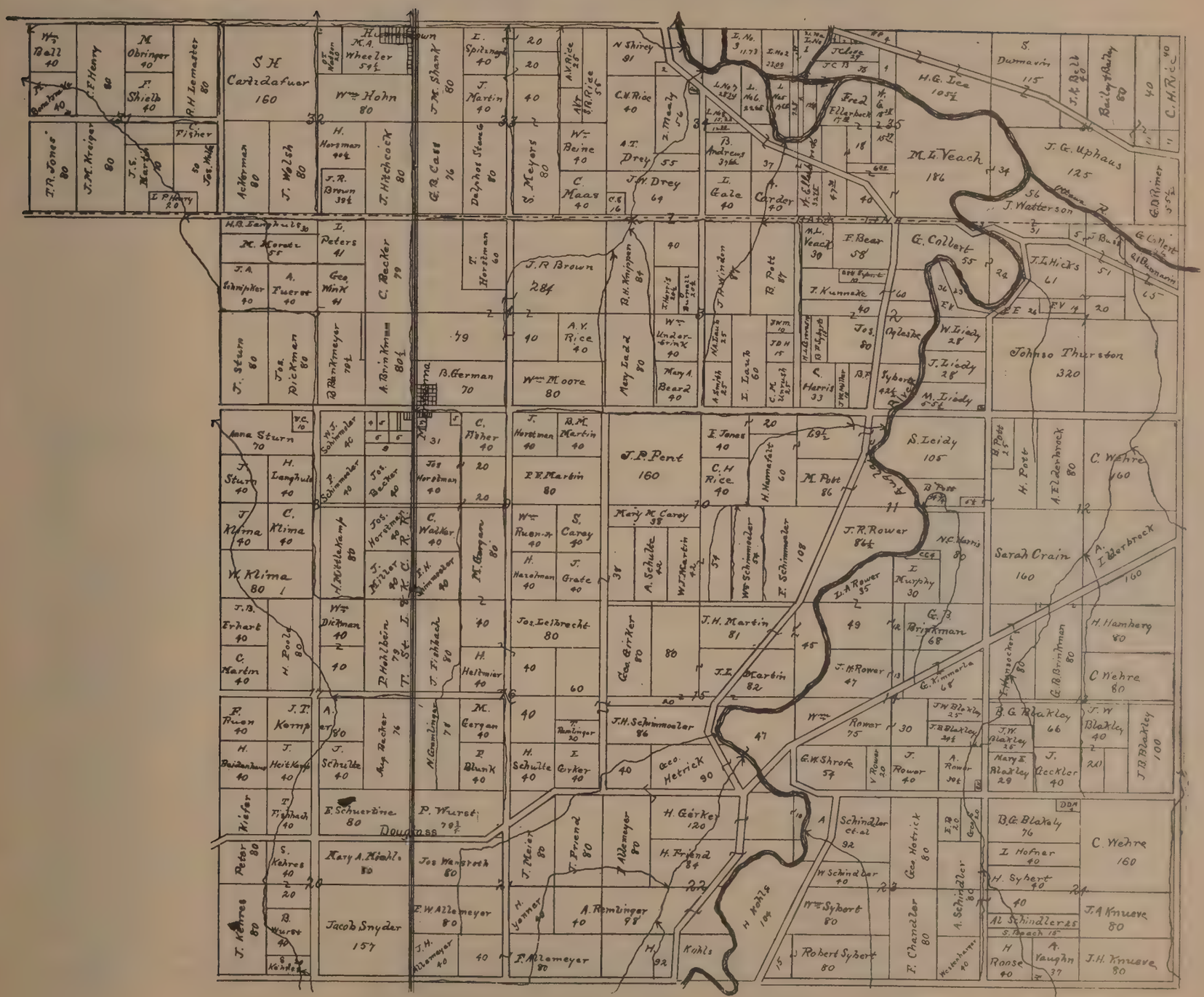

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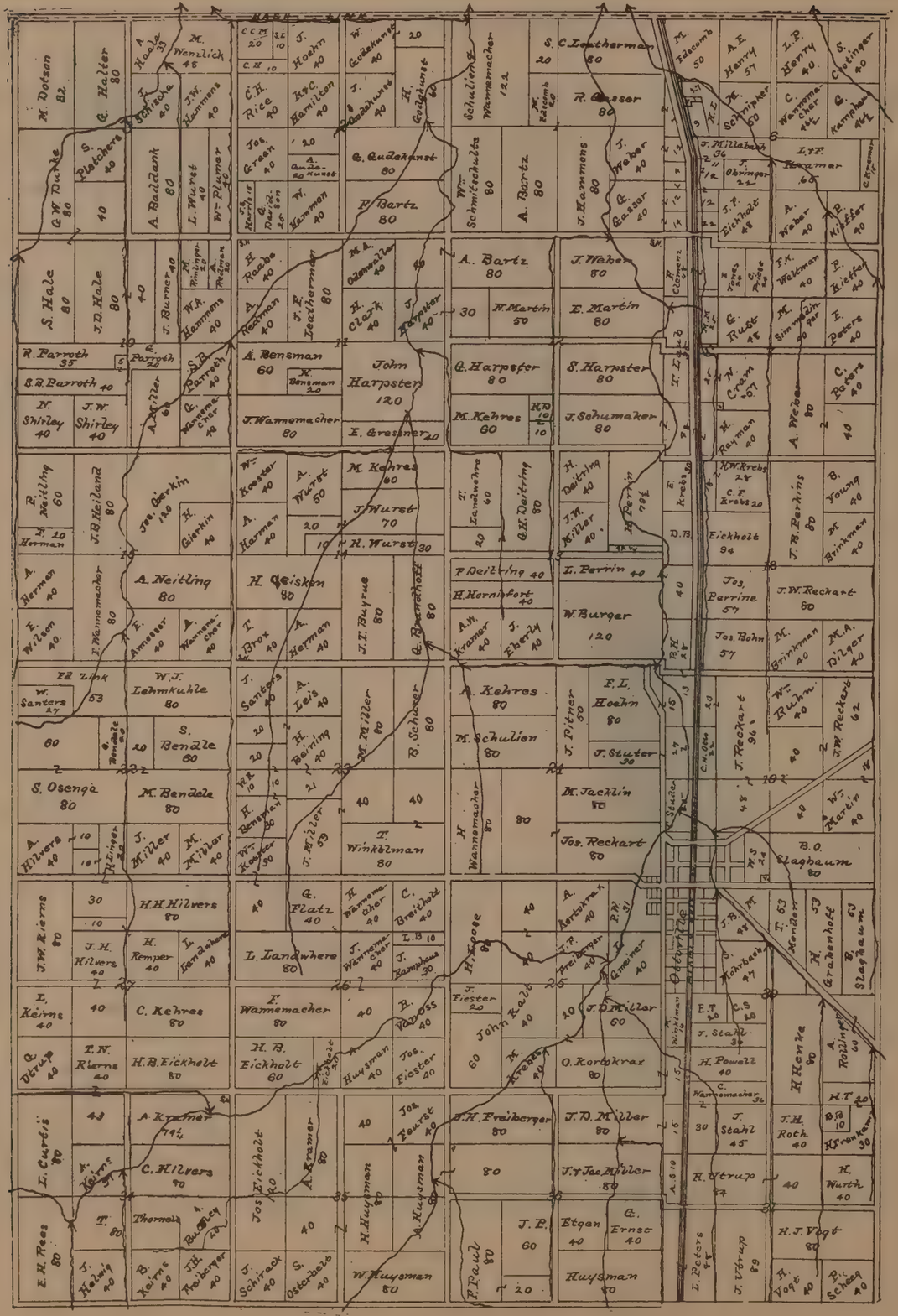

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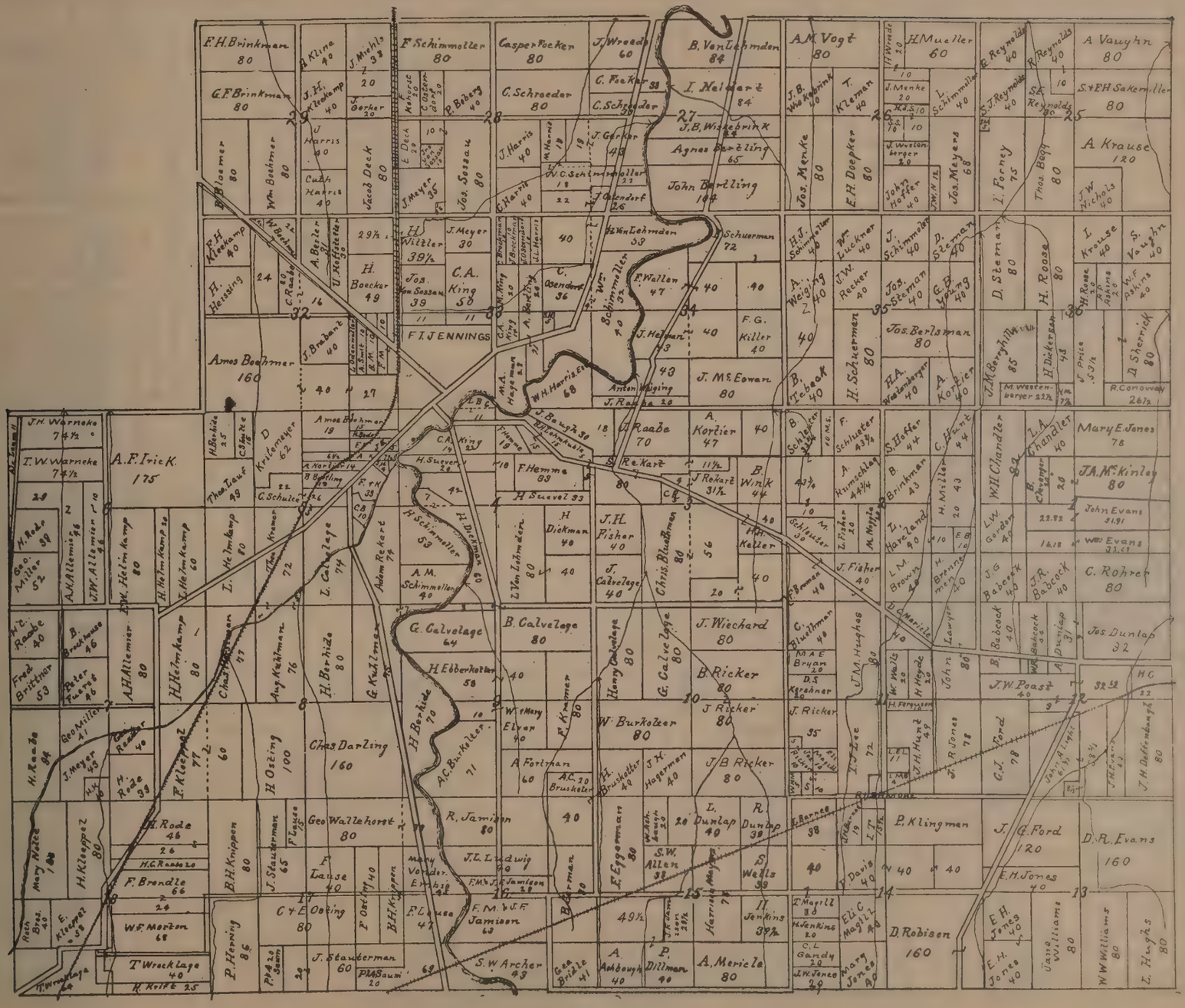

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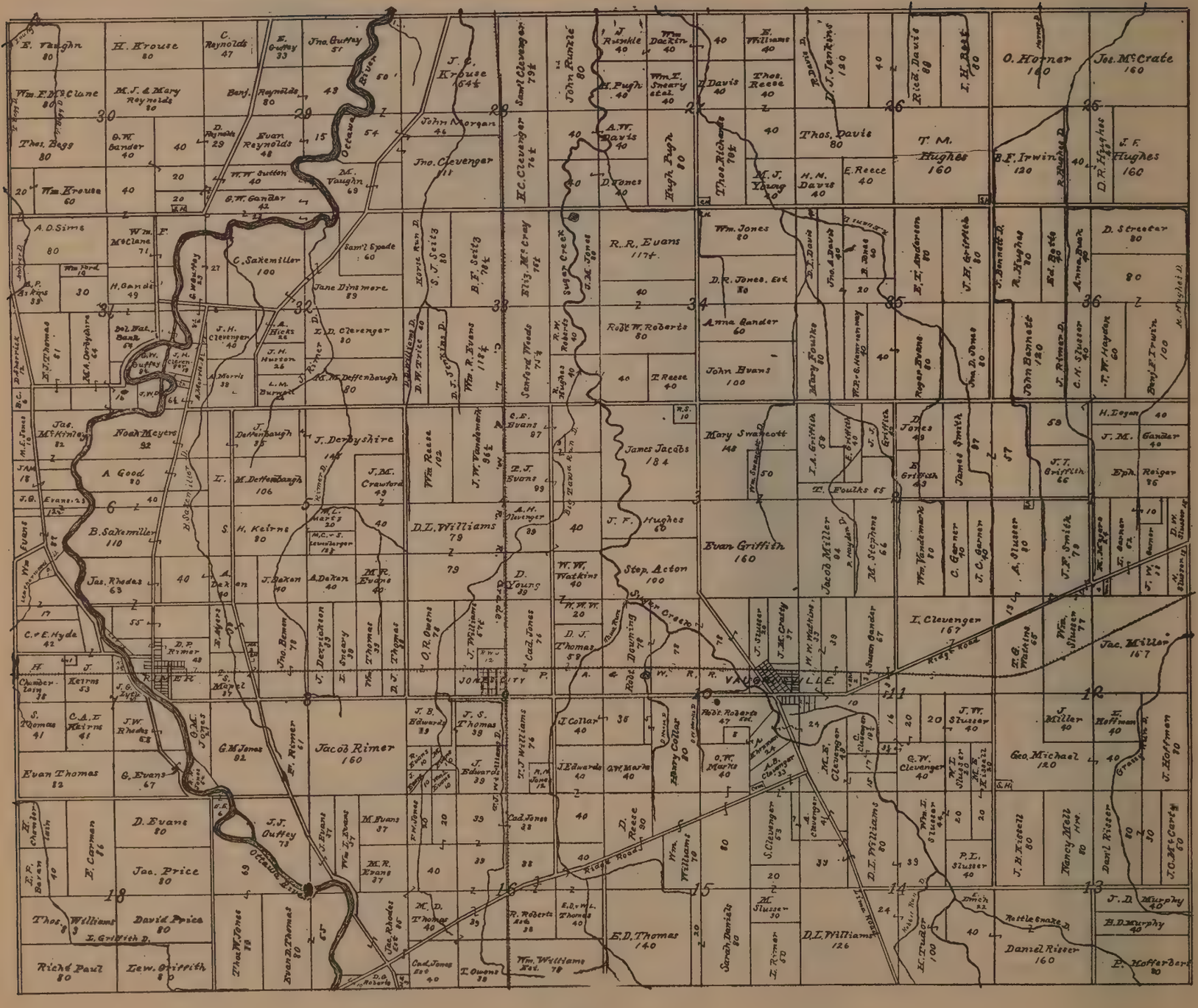


BRIEF

History of Putnam County.

BY HON. D. I. BROWN.

THE territory of which Putnam County is composed, except the Ottawa Reserve of twenty-five square miles, was acquired by the United States from the Indians by the treaty of the Foot of the Rapids of the Lake Erie of September 29, 1817, between Louis Cass and Duncan McCarthur, commissioners of the United States, with full power and authority to hold conference and conclude and sign treaties with all the tribes or nations within the boundary of the State of Ohio, and the sachems, chiefs and warriors of the Wyandot, Seneca, Delaware, Shewanee, Pottawatomies, Ottawa and Chippewa tribes of Indians.

Putnam County was bounded and established by act of the Legislature, passed and took effect February 12, 1820, and included towns one and two south, and one and two north of ranges number five, six, seven and eight east of the first meridian in Ohio. Each town or township containing thirty-six sections of land, and in all five hundred and seventy-six square miles.

The county seat was located in the southwest quarter of section number five in town one, south of range six, east of the first meridian of Ohio, and named Kalida, by a commission appointed by resolution of the Legislature, passed February 12, 1829, as required by law previously passed.

This territory, twenty-four miles square, was organized as a political division of the State of Ohio and called Putnam county, in 1834.

William Cochran, Henry Morris and Silas McClish were appointed by the Governor as Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the county. The Judges met at the house of Abraham Sarber and organized the court by electing Daniel W. Gray, Clerk, and Amos Evans, Prosecuting Attorney.

Abraham Sarber was appointed Town Director; Thomas Gray, William Priddy and Samuel Myers, County Commissioners; F. C. Fitch, County Surveyor; Samuel Myers, John Cochran, Isaac Owens, A. E. Martin, James Nichols and Daniel W. Gray, School Examiners. An order was made for an election to be held on the 31st day of May, 1834, to elect a Sheriff and Coroner for the county.

On August 18, 1834, court met at the house of Abraham Sarber. Present, William Cochran, Henry Morris and Silas McClish, Judges, and Daniel W. Gray, Clerk. It appearing that no election had been held on the 31st day of May as directed, William Cochran was appointed Sheriff, and William Turner, Coroner.

Court met on November 20, 1834, at the house of Sheldon Gutherie, in Kalida. Present, Cochran, Morris and McClish, Judges; Clerk D. W. Gray. The bond of William Turner as Coroner was approved and he was sworn into office.

April 30, 1835, court met. Present, George B. Holt, President Judge; Cochran, Morris and McClish, Associate Judges. At this court the first grand jury of the county was empannelled. Its members were John Guffy, James Turner, Peter Bussert, James W. Wamsley, William Ramsey, Moses Sutton, Caleb Gaskill, Obed Martin, John Hand, McDaniel Osborn, Benjamin Clevenger, Isaac McCracken, Robert McCracken, John Lisk and John Ridenour, with Benjamin Clevenger, foreman, and James M. Lee, constable. [James M. Lee is the only one of this court now, 1895, living.]

At the October election of 1834, William Priddy, Benjamin Clevenger and Sheldon Gutherie were elected County Commissioners; Henry Myers, Auditor; John M. Cochran, Treasurer; William Cochran, Sheriff; James Taylor, Coroner; Moses Lee, Recorder; Samuel Ramsey, Assessor; and F. C. Fitch, Surveyor. At this election only 163 votes were cast, as follows: Sugar Creek township cast 34 votes; Union, 23; Perry, 27; Jennings, 17; Riley, 18; Blanchard, 32; Ottawa, 22. This completed the organization of Putnam county.

The first important official act of the County Commissioners was the purchase from the State of Ohio of the balance of section five in Union township. They had the same laid out into lots and sold through the Town Director, and the proceeds applied first in payment to the State for the land and expenses of survey, sale and record. The balance was applied to the erection of a temporary frame courthouse and jail. In 1838 and 1839 a substantial brick court house and jail were erected.

The territory of Putnam county remained the same as originally established until the winter of 1849, when it was changed by act of the Legislature for the purpose of creating the new county of Auglaize. By detatching the entire southeastern township (Richland) with one tier of sections off of the south side of Riley township, the entire township of Monroe—town two south of range seven east—three tiers of sections off of the south side of Sugar Creek township, the same number of sections off of the south side of Jennings township, and by attaching at the same time to Putnam county the east half of town one south of range four east, from Van Wert county, the county was left in its present form. By this change the area of the county was reduced from 576 square miles to 480 square miles. This change of territory was a great loss to the county as the part detached was the best improved land in the county at that time and included Bluffton, Beaver Dam, West Cairo, and that part of Delphos lying east of the Miami and Erie extension canal, together with that fertile region of land known as "Sugar level," while the territory attached was then a swamp and wilderness.

THE RIVERS AND NATURAL STREAMS OF PUTNAM COUNTY.

The Great Auglaize river meanders through the entire western part of the county, and has well defined banks. The Blanchard fork of the Great Auglaize river enters the county on the east line and winds its way through the central part to within two miles of the west line, where it enters the Great Auglaize river. The Ottawa river, or Hog creek, enters the county from the south, running in a northwesterly direction through Sugar Creek, Union and into Jackson township, where it enters into the Great Auglaize river, about two and a half miles northwest of Kalida. These are the main outlets of the county. Riley creek, Sugar creek, Powell's creek, Cranberry creek, and Plum creek are the smaller streams leading into these rivers. These, with various other small streams, constitute the natural drainage of Putnam county. The lands between the main rivers descend from the bank of the river back and, as a rule, constitute broad swales without natural drainage, so that a good portion of the county is left without sufficient drainage from these streams to redeem the swales and swamps of the county. Therefore, in order to redeem these and other lands in Ohio's Black Swamp, a system of artificial drainage was necessarily brought into use. Ditching by agreement between adjoining land owners was resorted to, but proved ineffectual to drain the farms already cleared of the timber. It was evident that some general system must be devised, adopted and enforced. This would necessarily require legislation. Legislation was therefore asked for on the part of the State to redeem the lands not marked on the original plat as irredeemable swamps, and also on the part of the Congress of the United States to redeem the thousands of acres of land in this county marked by the Surveyor General's report as irredeemable swamps. With a view of redeeming these swamps the Congress of the United States, on the 28th day of September, 1850, passed an act donating these lands in Ohio to the counties in which they were located, or to the State of Ohio, and by the State to the counties. The commissioners of the counties, under the provisions of the act of the Legislature authorizing the drainage of these swamps, were authorized and required to cause these lands to be sold for their drainage. This was done in Putnam County, but the drains made were without sufficient outlets, and therefore the lands passed out of the State into the hands of individuals without any consideration to the county and without the

land being drained or the object of the law being accomplished, so that there was no real benefit derived to the county.

And it was doubly necessary to have further legislation on the subject. In 1853 the State Legislature passed a general drainage law authorizing the trustees of the various townships to locate, establish and construct ditches and drains within their respective townships and authorizing a joint meeting of the boards of adjoining townships to establish ditches in the same. Various ditches were attempted to be constructed in Putnam county under the provisions of this act; it, however, was so incomplete in its provisions that it was wholly ineffectual. In 1854, on the 25th day of April, the Legislature passed an amendatory act, and again on the 26th of March, 1859, all of which acts proved ineffectual, the Supreme Court having decided portions thereof unconstitutional. In 1859 the first general drainage law conferring jurisdiction upon the County Commissioners to locate and establish ditches was enacted, and at the session of the Legislature of 1861, the act of 1859 was modified so as to make the law more practicable and capable of being enforced. From that date up to 1879 various amendments were made to the law of 1861, and in the meantime the law upon that subject became so mixed up that it was scarcely possible for the best lawyer or the highest court in the State to tell what the law was. At the session of the Legislature which closed on the 23rd day of June, 1879, a revision and codification of all the ditch laws was embodied into one act and became the law of Ohio. The main provisions of this law remained the same. Under the provisions of this act the swamp lands of Putnam county, as well as the swale lands of the county, have been effectually drained and redeemed, so that at this time all the swamp lands donated by Congress to the state, and by the state to the counties for drainage, have been fully redeemed and are now the most productive and fertile parts of the county; and the swales and low lands have all been provided with outlet drains and constitutes the best corn lands we have.

The cost of these drains, as a rule, has been assessed upon the lands and paid by the owners thereof, amounting to a very large sum of money. It is impossible, at this time, to state the exact sum of money that the people of this county have paid for draining their lands, or even to approximate very nearly thereto, but we think we are safe in saying that more than one million dollars have been expended in redeeming the swamps and swale lands of Putnam county, so that today the drifts are cleaned out of our rivers and creeks, the smaller streams have been straightened and widened and the obstructions removed; our main drains extend for miles through the country with lateral drains leading into them, our roads are drained on the sides by ditches leading into these main drains, our farms are drained by a system of tiling or under drains leading into the lateral drains, and our lands are productive in the rainy as well as in the dry seasons, and taken all together Putnam county is thoroughly redeemed by its drainage and is one of the best agricultural counties in the State. The lands in this county have not only been redeemed by the drainage, but the health of the people has been greatly benefitted. As far back as 1850, both before and after that time, this country was one of the most malarious of Ohio. Fever and ague and bilious fevers, with various other climatic diseases, were the curse of the country. The doctors were constantly employed in their profession in dealing out calomel and quinine, which were the staple remedies at that time. Scarcely a family, whether located along the rivers or in the swale, passed a single year without being compelled to pay heavy doctor bills. As the country improved and the rivers and streams were cleaned out, and the lands drained, the ague and fevers disappeared, the health of the community became good, and while the doctors may have increased in number with the population, yet their business decreased with the drainage of the land so that now Putnam county is as healthy a location as any in the northwest.

THE COURT HOUSE.

ROADS.

The South Ridge Road, leading from Findlay to Ft. Wayne through Pandora, Columbus Grove, Vaughnsville and Delphos, was one of the early roads along which the settlements were made.

The Sugar Ridge Road, leading from Fostoria west across this county and through where the Village of Leipsic now is (all woods then) and to the town of Medera, thence to the Defiance road.

The Poplar Ridge Road, leading across the north end of the county and into Defiance county. These roads constituted the original Ridge roads of the county, along which portions of the early settlements were made, and follow the ridges without reference to points of compass.

The Findlay, Ottawa and Kalida State Road leading from Findlay down the north side of the Blanchard River through Gilboa to Ottawa, where it crossed the Blanchard River, thence extended to Kalida.

The Williamstown State Road, starting at Williamstown, Hancock county, running in a northwesterly direction through the town of Pandora to Ottawa, where it crossed the Blanchard River, following the river down on the north bank to the Auglaize, and the Auglaize on the east bank to Defiance.

The Wapakoneta and Defiance State Road, leading from Wapakoneta to Fort Amanda in Auglaize county, thence down on the west side of the Auglaize River through Fort Jennings to Fanconia in Putnam county; thence down the river to the county line.

The Perrysburg State Road leading directly from Kalida, Putnam county, to Perrysburg in Wood county, running in a northeasterly direction from Kalida to Perrysburg.

The Kalida and Napoleon State Road leading from Kalida this county, to Napoleon in Henry county, crossing the Blanchard River at Cuba. The latter two of which were never fully opened out.

These roads were laid out with reference to the points desired rather than the points of the compass, so that, as a rule, they cut the lands diagonally, and along the rivers follow the banks without reference to course. Many of them have been straightened

since under the supervision of the County Commissioners, so as to run upon section or sub-division lines.

The county roads of Putnam county are, as a rule, laid upon section and sub division lines, with the township roads laid out for the convenience of the citizens of the various townships.

On April 13, 1880, the Ohio Legislature passed an act authorizing the electors of each township in Putnam county to vote for or against piking the roads of the respective townships, and under the provisions of this act and the acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, the following townships proceeded to pike the roads, viz.: Ottawa, Blanchard, Riley, Pleasant, Sugar Creek, and Van Buren; and completed their roads in 1880 and 1881, at a cost to the townships ranging from $30,000 to $60,000 each.

To defray the expenses of building these roads and make the necessary culverts and bridges, the townships issued their bonds, as a rule, running twenty years at a rate of interest not exceeding eight per cent per annum, no part of principal of which was payable in most cases until after the expiration of fifteen years. The leading roads through each of the townships under this system were either macadamized or graveled, so that at least in these townships, Putnam county has roads that will compare favorably with any other part of the state. These roads have greatly added to values of farm property and to the business of the towns and villages. The farmer now can market his surplus produce in time of wet weather, when the roads hitherto were impassable, as well as in dry weather when the roads were good. Since that time the other townships in the county have taken advantage of the knowledge acquired by the improvement of the roads in these townships, and having procured the passage of other and different laws for the improvement of their roads, have put the same into operation in nearly all the townships and are now graveling and macadamizing their roads. In Jennings, Jackson and Monterey townships the trustees make annual levies and expend the same for material which is placed upon the roads by the citizens under a system of subscription, thus saving to the township fund the entire cost of construction. No bonds are issued, so that when the roads are completed they are paid for. Taken all together we may say that Putnam county has good roads throughout the entire county.

THE MIAMI & ERIE EXTENSION CANAL

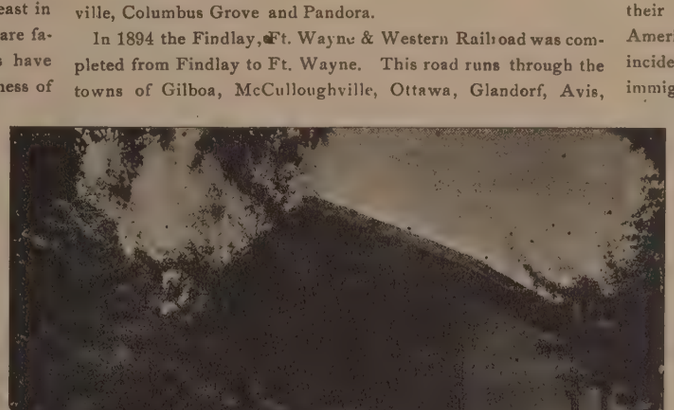
Runs a portion of the way along and near the west line of the county and for six miles through Monterey township in said county, at the north part of which it turns a little to the west and leaves the county, so that at the northwest corner of the county the canal is about two miles and a half west. The entire western portion of this county, however, has had the benefit of this canal by its navigation ever since about the year 1845, when the boats first began to run through to Toledo and Dayton. Up to the time of the building of the railroads this was the only means of getting the surplus produce of this county to the market. After the year 1849, when the old Mad River & Lake Erie railroad extended an arm into Findlay, the eastern portion of this county had an outlet for their produce at that point. For a few years before that their nearest point was Carey, on the main line of Mad River road. Shortly before that their outlet was Tiffin, on the same line, and before 1839, the only outlet they had was Sandusky City. Thus it will be seen that it cost more to market the produce of this county than it did to raise it, and in some instances almost as much as it brought in the market. In 1854 the Ohio & Indiana railroad, extending from Crestline, Ohio, to Fort Wayne, Indiana, began to run its cars and carry freight over its track. This afforded a market for the southern part of this county at Lima, Ohio, but in 1859 the Dayton & Michigan railroad was completed and running through Columbus Grove, Ottawa, Leipsic and Belmore, affording a market within the limits of the county for the produce of the entire county, since which time the canal on the west has ceased to be of much value as a means of transportation of the produce, of at least to the middle and eastern portions of the county.

In 1878 a narrow guage railroad, which was changed to a standard guage in 1888, and known as the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City, or Clover Leaf, Railroad, was constructed through the western portion of the county. This road runs through Ft. Jennings, Douglass, Muntanna, Huntstown, Evansville (now Cloverdale), Dupont, Marice City (Continental), Wisterman and North Creek.

In 1883 the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad was built through the northern part of the county, and along its line are located the towns of Spitzer (Townwood), Leipsic, West Leipsic, Elm Center (not platted), Miller City, Keiferville, Hector, Marice City (Continental), and Hartsburg.

In 1882 the road now known as the Pittsburg, Akron & Western was constructed, first as a narrow guage railroad, but has since been changed to a standard guage road. This road runs from Delphos through Rushmore, Rimer, Jones City, Vaughnsville, Columbus Grove and Pandora.

In 1894 the Findlay, Ft. Wayne & Western Railroad was completed from Findlay to Ft. Wayne. This road runs through the towns of Gilboa, McCulloughville, Ottawa, Glandorf, Avis,



THE COUNTY JAIL.

Crosswell, Dornington, (the last three have not been platted), Cascade and Cloverdale. These railroads furnish to all parts of the county convenient shipping points.

Another railroad, the Lima Northern, is now, 1895, being built through Columbus Grove, Ottawa and Leipsic.

NATURAL ADVANTAGES OF PUTNAM COUNTY.

BY REV. T. J. HARBAUGH.

Of the eighteen counties comprising the Maumee Valley, none is more worthy of note and favorable comment than Putnam. The unsurpassed fertility of her soil is proverbial, and the mere mention of her name brings to the mind's eye visions of her extensive fields of grain.

The magnificent natural drainage furnished by its three rivers and numerous smaller streams, give to the county a prominence in that respect that no other one in the valley enjoys.

The material for the construction of good roads—a consideration that figures so largely in the prosperity and happiness of any community—is found in limitless supply in many parts of the county, which places this region in a leading position as regards to good roads. In connection with these facts it is readily seen that, with six railroads crossing her territory, Putnam county's transportation facilities are excellent.

The latitudinal position of Putnam county insures to it a dense population, with ever increasing prosperity to the people, a favored locality indeed.

It will doubtless be of great interest to those yet unborn, who shall live and work out life's problems in this county, to know something of its history; to study its beginnings, and learn of the men of sturdy hearts and sterling worth, and the women of heroic mould who made it possible for them to have so goodly a heritage.

People who withstand the test of the world's evolutions are those who profit by the wisdom and virtues of those who have wrought before them, and as we contemplate the lives and work of Putnam county's pioneers, there is found much to praise and honor.

These early settlers, who are rapidly reaching the end of life's journey, came from the central eastern counties of the state and were largely of Pennsylvania German descent. To secure a home of their own and live in quiet enjoyment of the fruits of their labors was the worthy standard of the ancestry of the young men and women who, joining their lives and fortunes together, came west to carve out of the primeval forest a home, as their parents had done. And what was true of the native Americans, who braved the dangers and endured the hardships incident to the settlement of a new country, was also true of the immigrant of the Old World, in whose breast the spark of freedom had been kindled into flame by the spirit of '76, which had penetrated every corner of Europe. To be a sovereign freeman in "this land of opportunity" was ample compensation for the great sacrifice entailed by so long a journey, and the fruitful fields surrounding the many happy homes of Putnam county attest to the courageous fortitude and persevering faith of our county's pioneers. The privations of the early settlers were manifold and great, but plodding industry and sturdy self reliance outdoors, joined with good cheer and thrift indoors, brought their reward: the farm cleared, the home improved and made comfortable for the declining years of the parents, the children grown to manhood and womanhood, happily mated and "striking out" from the home roof, in turn, to build for themselves a home,—these were some of the blessings that crowned their declining years.

The pioneers of fifty or sixty years ago, having so many things in common to contend with, it begot a sort of kindly reciprocity which made the whole neighborhood neighborly and brought the families often together in helpfulness to each other. They all ate corn bread and cooked over the open fire place; they wore homespun clothing and filled their lamps with coon and 'possum grease, and worked and planned how they might accomplish three important things during the year, namely: to pay their taxes, to buy leather for their winter shoes, and to get a barrel of salt for the ensuing year.

When sickness or death, or any other misfortune befel a home, the spirit of the Good Samaritan was practically manifest.

Socialities were strong, and the spirit of caste unknown. The young people were healthy and vigorous and enjoyed their sports as well as the youth of the present day. The young man who, at a log-rolling, barn-raising, chopping or husking bee, distinguished himself by out-lifting, out-chopping or out-husking the other youth of the neighborhood, might pick his company from among the pioneer lasses, and besides, was quoted as "tall" authority in many other things because of his physical prowess.

The young lady who could spin the most "cuts" of yarn in a neat manner, and who demonstrated thrift in the management of household duties, had incense burned to her with sincerity, and the time would not be far distant when she would have an opportunity to preside over a little household of her own.

Industry and economy in their truest sense, were cardinal virtues with the old and young in those days, and the names of our

early pioneer should ever be held in revered memory by us who are building on the foundation so well laid by them.

REMINISCENCES OF NORTHWESTERN OHIO.

BY LEWIS E. HOLTZ, C. E.

The writer quite vividly remembers the time, about the first of April, 1834, when with his parents, four brothers and two sisters, wended their way from Frederick county, Maryland, westward over the mountains by way of National Road, passing through Cumberland, Wheeling, Zanesville, as far west as Jacktown. Thence northwesterly through Newark, Delaware, Marion, Upper Sandusky, arriving at Tiffin, Seneca county, the latter part of April, having traveled twenty-one days. We brought with us one large covered wagon drawn by four heavy draft horses; we also had one barouche drawn by one large carriage horse. The father, mother and two sisters occupied the carriage during the journey, while the boys (the two older ones owned rifles) traveled on the road or on either side where the most game was found. The father having sold his farm of one hundred and twenty acres for $7,000—situated on the left bank of Monococy River, seven miles north of Frederick City—and with the money thus acquired bought eight hundred and thirty acres of land, mostly of the Seneca Reservation—land of excellent soil but very heavily timbered—so we boys learned how to clear land. Felling trees and driving oxen was in those days considered an accomplishment. The means of securing an education were painfully limited. Common schools were said to exist; we usually had about three months' training in the three "R's," saving and excepting the odd days when the weather was dry enough to tramp out wheat, which was accomplished by the treading of horses on ground floors; the plank floors were considered a luxury rather than a necessity. No portable threshing machines were known of in Seneca county. Our wheat crops were generally good in quality and quantity. The same was true of the rye and oats; all had to be reaped by hand and bound into sheaves (not bundles as now) and set up into shocks, ten upright and two broken into caps, and thus left standing three or four weeks before stacking. We could estimate the amount of grain very closely by the number of shocks or dozens. When once in stacks we regarded the crop safe. But little was threshed or tramped out before winter, excepting enough for bread and seed. The corn crops were good. Enough has been said in this line of history for the limited space allowable.

We now fall back to the three "R's." During the winter of 1835-6 I was employed by the school directors to build fires in the school house early each morning for the term of three months, for which I was paid the sum of one dollar and fifty cents, during which time I attended school and did my best. My text hooks were Dayboll's arithmetic, C. A. Goodrich's history of the United States, the Elementary spelling book and Kirkem's grammar. Our teacher took great pride in showing me *how* to solve problems in arithmetic, and after school was ended I kept thinking of the *why* we had so to do it. I then discovered that the hows and whys were two particular features in mathematics. I then procured Playfair's Euclid. Now this Euclid was a teacher in Alexandria, Egypt, three hundred years B. C. When he devised plans for re-establishing land boundaries, which were lost by reason of the frequent overflowing of the River Nile, his knowledge thus acquired, together with his former acquaintance with the subject of lines and angles, placed the science of geometry upon a true basis. I then procured a copy of Olney's geography. A good neighbor, Dennis F. Cramer, a practical surveyor, gave me instructions on surveying. At about the age of eighteen years I commenced the practice of surveying, and at the age of twenty-five years went to a select school taught by James Evers in the old brick school house in Tiffin, using Comstock's philosophy, Day's algebra, Davies' legender, Gummere's surveying. Went through Davies and Gummere in a term of four months. Better instructors than those above named are very scarce in this country. In June 1855, accepted a deputyship under Marcus Schuyler, then County Surveyor of Seneca county, O. Then bought a new Vernier compass of James Foster, Jr., of Cincinnati; paid $60.00 for same. Bought a new watch of Wm. Gallup, of Tiffin, for $35.00. The compass and watch—both as good as new—have been in use over forty years. During my practice have found one of the most important subjects connected with surveying land is the reading and interpretation of deeds. Many deeds are found in the hands of pretended owners of land that are not worth the price of the paper they were written upon. The cause very frequently is that men have been elected Justice of the Peace or commissioned as a Notary Public, who by the laws of Ohio are authorized to write or take acknowledgements of deeds, who are wholly unfit for the business.

For instance, the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 15, township 1 north, range 7 east, first meridian of Ohio, containing 40 acres of land according to the official plat returned, etc., *is good*. Again, the following described tract of land, intended for the same tract, commencing at the southeast corner of section 15, township 1 north, range 7 east, first meridian of Ohio, running thence north 80 rods, thence west 80 rods, thence south 80 rods, thence east 80 rods to the place of beginning, containing 40 acres more or less, *not good*; because if the quarter over-runs then the metes and bounds would not take in the land intended, but if the quarter falls short then there would be a conflict, because it would take in land not intended. Now in the first description we have a sub-divisional part of the quarter, 40 acres, according to the official plat, etc. "More or less" in a description is of no account, while the common view is that it cures a multitude of errors. Again, a patent issued by the Government for the west half of the southwest quarter of section six, township two north, in range seven east, first principal meridian of Ohio, containing 83.28 acres according to the official plat as returned, etc. Then comes the patent for the east half

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of the southwest quarter of section 6, township 2 north, range 7 east, first principal meridian of Ohio, containing 80 acres according to the official plat returned, etc. Now upon close examination of the plat referred to we see 20.95 chains as the width of the west part of said southwest quarter, and 20.00 chains understood as the width of the east part of said southwest quarter. Now by the act of Congress, approved February 11, 1805, found on page 51 of the land laws for Ohio, which reads as follows: "all lines that have been actually run and marked shall be held and considered as the true length thereof," there would seem to be a conflict between the plat and patents. While the plat indicates the west part to contain 83.28 acres and the east part part to contain 80 acres, now the patents recognize 163.28 acres in the quarter section. The patents should describe the land in said southwest quarter as the west part of said southwest quarter containing 83.28 acres, and the east part of the southwest quarter containing 80 acres. We should then survey the land by dividing the lines pro rata as indicated by the official plat because the plat controls as between it and the patent.

The northwestern portion of Ohio was originally surveyed and platted under the "Mansfield System;" that is, a base was established on the 41st degree of north latitude, running through the State from west to east, and a meridian line was established and made the west line of the State, from which ranges are counted and numbered eastward. A range is a row of townships running north and south. A township is a tract of land six miles square, and consequently contains 36 sections of 640 acres each, and are numbered north and south from the base line. In running the range lines they are made parallel with the meridian line and corners were set. First a section corner, thence north 40 chains to quarter post, 80 chains to section corner, etc., for six miles; and the corners thus set belong to the township on the west side of the range line, and the north and south side of townships are run in a similar manner, setting the section corners and quarter post which belong to the township next north of the lines thus run. All corners so set are witnessed by two trees, giving the name or kind of tree, its diameter in inches, its bearing from the corner stake as set, the distance therefrom in denomination of links, where lines are being run if perchance a tree should stand upon the line so run; it is noted in the field book as a sight tree, the kind of tree, the diameter in inches is given; the sight tree is always marked with two notches on the hither side and two notches on the thither side. These sight trees are entitled to the same respect as corners set on the same line and must be regarded as true, straight lines while in fact they are seldom strictly so, the townships having been surveyed into six mile squares.

Now we come to the sub-division of townships into sections, but strictly speaking it is a system of blocking out sections by commencing one mile west of the southeast corner of the township, running thence north between sections 35 and 36 forty chains set quarter post, 80 chains set post corner to sections 25, 26, 35 and 36; running thence east on random line 40 chains, set temporary quarter post 80.10 chains, intersected east boundary 20 links north of post; thence west on true line 40.05 chains, set quarter post 80.10 chains to section corner, and thus continuing north and east until we arrive at the north line of township, noting the offset in links either east or west of the section corner to 35 and 36, belonging to township next north, where a permanent corner is established. Thence beginning at the southwest corner of section 35, running thence north between sections 34 and 35, following the same process as before, blocking out sections until we arrive at the north line of the township; then returning to the south line of township, running north between sections 33 and 34 and by the same process blocking out the third tier of sections, returning to south side of township and running north between sections 32 and 33, blocking out the fourth tier of sections; then returning and running north between sections 31 and 32, and after running east on random and correcting back to the corner of sections 29, 30, 31 and 32, thence running west 40 chains set quarter post, thence 80.80 chains intersected west boundary 50 links south of post, where we set permanent corner. With this offset of 50 links the post referred to is the corner heretofore set to 25 and 36 on range line, and by this process the last two tiers of sections are blocked out, completing the thirty-six sections in the township. Young surveyors will observe that offsets occur only on the north and west sides of townships and that no quarter posts are set on said lines, but must be determined by actual measurement (no presumption allowed) and placed on line between adjacent government corners.

All lines noted as running north are in law due north. All lines noted as running east or west are in law due courses. All

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centers of sections are determined by the intersection of two straight lines, one passing east and west from quarter post to quarter post, the other line running north and south from quarter post to quarter post. Thus far we have reduced ranges and townships to sections, and sections to quarters. Now comes quarter sections to be divided into one-half quarters, 80 acres; and quarter quarters, 40 acres. Excepting the last tier of half sections on the north and west sides of townships, where the official plat shows fractions as indicated by numerals being placed upon lines of plat showing their lengths—in which case pro rata distances apply—we have been showing some of the "hows." Now the "whys" deserve some attention. In running a line due north and south or east and west through quarter sections, we run parallel with the lines next adjacent thereto. The center lines through a quarter section must run on a mean bearing of the two adjacent lines which run in the same general course.

We find in many cases so great a variance that a reason should be given *why* we are compelled to follow such variable course. A case in point is as follows: In fractional section eleven, township 2 north, in range 15 east, first principal meridian, Ohio, the section was not full on the north side by reason of the south boundary of the Seneca Reservation. Now the quarter post to section eleven was set by measurement at one-half distance on said north line as usual and according to law. Subsequently the Seneca Reservation was sold by the Indians and afterwards divided into sections, and in doing this the government surveyor set his quarter post to sections two and eleven, five chains too far east. Now this strip of land in section eleven and within the Reserve is between five and ten chains in width. We then have to run from the quarter post on the south boundary line of the Reservation due north to the corresponding quarter post between sections two and eleven. This line, in law, runs due north, while in fact it runs north 20 degrees east. Thus we meet with many cases that will puzzle a new man in the business of surveying, but the most trying cases is the interpetation of deeds; and when we meet a case of a deed so inacurately worded, we must sometimes inquire how the Supreme court would construe it. These inaccuracies in the wording of deeds show clearly a burning necessity for having competent conveyancers who should have entire control of writing deeds—who should be examined thoroughly before his commission is issued. Again there is a seeming necessity for having a standard measure. The Statute of Ohio provides that a standard measure shall be kept at each county seat, and it is required that chains used by surveyors must be kept corresponding with such standard, all of which is a good thing; but when we come to re-survey government lands we must comply with the act of Congress approved February 11, 1805, and use the standard, with which secton lines and corners were established originally; so that our unit of measure is merely used as a comparison, that is, if 40 chains should be 40.10 chains, then 20 chains, should be 20.05. Now the same principal holds good, that if a proprietor of land lays it out into town or village lots and his measure of 60 feet is found to be 61 feet, which is frequently the case, then we must regard the measure of the original proprietor of such town or village as the true measure of such town or village. (See act of Congress referred to; also in case of Avery's lessee, vs. Baum's heirs, Wright's Report of Supreme Court of Ohio, page 576, also 9th Pickering, page 521, Massachusetts.)

In November, 1863, I removed to Ottawa, Putnam County, Ohio, engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements, gained some experience, financially speaking; but the mind still clinging to the subject of triangles and corners as of former years, sold out and returned to the business of surveying and civil engineering. In October, 1868, was appointed by the Commissioners of Putnam County, Ohio, to survey the James H. Smith ditch, No. 1 and No. 3. Made my report to them, showing profiles and grade line of ditches, giving cuts to be made along the lines of ditches, and when the board examined the report it was something new to them, as they had never seen a grade line for a ditch. Thereupon a discussion ensued as to the adopting of the report, and after due deliberation two of the Commissioners said, "that is a good thing," while one said, "no, it is a humbug." But thenceforward all reports on proposed ditches were required to be accompanied with a profile and grade line, (See Ditch Record No. 4, page 154), since which time have surveyed many miles of ditches. One ditch in particular I wish to mention was proposed ditch known as the "James Donald" ditch in Putnam, Henry and Wood counties. I was appointed by the joint board of said counties to survey and level and report my proceedings, which was done accordingly, and at the first meet-

ing of the joint board my report was adopted and further orders given to prepare a supplementary report. A second meeting had and my supplementary report was adopted, and certain other matters left over for a third meeting, at which meeting the board dismissed all further proceedings in the matter and left the bills of cost unprovided for. The board said the costs must be collected out of the bondsmen; but upon inquiry it was found the bond was given to cover costs to the amount of two hundred dollars, while the costs footed up over two thousand, including printers' fees and other engineers' fees who had previously surveyed a part of the lines, but was rejected at the time of my appointment, but subsequently adopted in part. Upon application to said joint board it was agreed that if a special act was passed by the Legislature authorizing the payment of said claims that the joint board would pay all the bills duly proven (as directed by said act). I am indebted to Hon. D. I. Brown, a member of the Legislature in 1879, for the interest he took in the passage of the act authorizing the payment of all claims growing out of the proceedings. Now after the act was passed authorizing the payment on application to said several boards, they severally refused to pay the claims; whereupon I proceeded by writs of mandamus to compel the payment by said several boards. Thereupon James H. Smith and Ferdinand Unterbrink, County Commissioners (to their credit be it said), ordered the claim against Putnam county paid, which was accordingly done, but the Commissioners of Henry county and Wood county refused to pay their respective shares.

L. E. HOLTZ, C. E.

The result of my action may be found in the 41st O. S. Report, page 423, and the sequel to the case was that I was admitted to practice in the courts as an attorney-at-law.

Coming into Northwestern Ohio a mere boy, under thirteen years of age, and having passed through the various vicissitudes of life incident to a new country, having waded miles of swamps surveying land and engineering ditches, until I can now look forward toward my 75th milestone of years. Space and time forbids saying more. My health and strength being fair (save the sense of hearing, which is dull); having nothing to complain of, especially when I look back sixty to sixty-five years and attempt to call the roll of my playmates of those days, I feel truly grateful for my present enjoyment of life.

HON JOHN M. SHEETS

Judge Sheets was born May 26, 1854, in Pleasant township, Putnam county, Ohio. His father was of German ancestry, being a descendant of that thrifty class, the Pennsylvania Dutch, while his mother was a New Englander. The first twenty years of his life was spent upon his father's farm near Columbus Grove, where he attended country school and labored on the farm alternately. At the age of twenty he began teaching school. He afterward attended the Union Schools at Columbus Grove, and in 1876 entered the freshman class at Baldwin University, at Berea, Ohio. Prof. Schuyler, the author of Schuyler's Mathematical works and Schuyler's Logic and Mental Philosophy, was at that time the president of the university. Judge

JUDGE JOHN M SHEETS

Sheets graduated in 1879, having completed a four years course in three years, taking also during those three years, in addition to the regular course, several elective branches. His special forte was mathematics. He took every branch of mathematics, both required and elective, which was taught in the university, save one. Among those taken by him were geometry, analytical geometry, trigonometry, plane and spherical, surveying, navigation, mechanics, mathematical astronomy, and calculus.

After graduating at Baldwin University he went to Ann Arbor and took the law course at the University of Michigan, Judge Cooley being one of his preceptors. He graduated in March, 1881, and was at once admitted to the Bar of Ohio by the Supreme Court. He commenced the practice of law at Ottawa, Ohio, in April of the same year, being in partnership with Hon. C. J. Swan until Mr. Swan removed to Toledo.

In March, 1882, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Scott, a lady student at Ann Arbor with whom he became acquainted while attending law school at that place.

In October, 1882, he formed a partnership with J. S. Ogan, which continued until Judge Sheets was elected to the bench.

In 1894 he was nominated by the Republican party as their candidate for Common Pleas Judge for the subdivision of the Third Judicial District, comprising the counties of Fulton, Henry and Putnam, and notwithstanding the normal majority against that party in the subdivision was about two thousand he was elected by a majority nearly equaling that ordinarily given to the Democratic candidate.

Judge Sheets possesses to an extraordinary degree what may be called "the genius of labor," and to that, coupled with fine natural capacity, large executive faculty, a pleasant address and strict integrity, can be attributed his rapid progress in his profession and the judicial honors which an appreciative constituency have bestowed, honors, which the devotion he has shown to his judicial duties, the carefulness of his decisions and the rapid progress he has made toward clearing off the encumbered docket of the courts have proven to have been well and worthily bestowed.

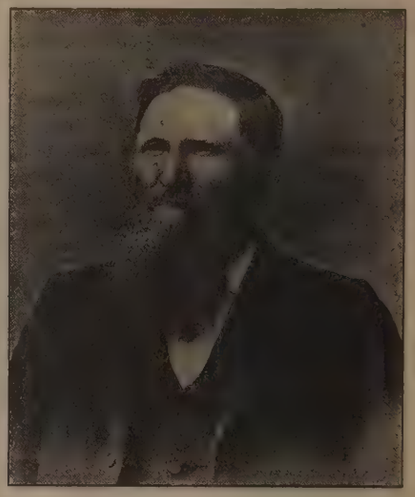
G. B. BRINKMAN.

Mr. Brinkman was born April 18, 1844, upon a farm in Greensburg township, Putnam county, Ohio. A farmer's son, his entire life has been spent upon a farm. The only educational advantages which he enjoyed were such as were afforded by a common country school, and these only until he was fourteen years old.

Mr. Brinkman resided in Greensburg township until after his marriage. In 1872 he removed to Jackson township, in this county, upon the farm where he now lives. In 1868 he was married to Miss Deina Wehrie, daughter of Clemens Wehrie, one of the old residents of the county. There were born of this union thirteen children—Joseph, Anna, Deina, Mary, Amelia, Andrew, Frank, Elizabeth, Josephine, Matilda, Caroline, Elenora and Laura, all of whom, except Elizabeth, are still living.

Mr. Brinkman's natural capacity for business and the confidence felt in his integrity by his fellow citizens of Greensburg township, induced them to select him for the position of Township Clerk before he was twenty-six years of age, and the same causes no doubt induced his election, after his removal to Jackson township, as Township Trustee, a position which he held for two terms. In 1889 he was nominated and elected County Commissioner of Putnam county, in which capacity he is still serving, having been re elected in 1892.

During Mr. Brinkman's administration a vast amount of improvement in the drainage of the wet lands of the county by means of county ditches has been accomplished, and we believe



G. B. BRINKMAN, Commissioner.

with as little dissatisfaction as has ever been evinced in the same length of time, while the improvements in the way of bridges, etc., have been of great benefit to the people of the county.

Mr. Brinkman presents an excellent example of what a farmer's boy, with but few advantages and no aid save such as he could get from his own strong arms, industrious nature and wise economy, may make of himself.

JONATHAN W. POAST.

Mr. Poast was born in Crawford county, Ohio, November 3d, 1846, and came to Putnam county in October, 1859, with his parents, who settled on a farm in Sugar Creek township.

In 1863, at the age of seventeen, he volunteered and became a private of Co. E, 197th Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving in that regiment until the close of the war, when he was, on August 5, 1865, at Todd's Barracks, Columbus, Ohio, mustered out of the service "honorably discharged." After his military service closed he returned to farming in Putnam county.

On the 30th of August, 1868, he was united in marriage to Miss Julia Ann E. Todd, and in the fall of that year removed with his young wife to Kansas, remaining in that state for four years, at the expiration of which time he returned to Putnam

county where, in 1875, he moved on to the farm which he now owns, in Jennings township.

There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Poast a family of three children—William G. Poast, born December 27, 1871, married to Miss Jennie Clawson, July 10, 1895; Myrtle A. Poast, born July 13, 1874, married to William H. Allen, August 28, 1895; Mary Alice Poast, born September 19, 1882.

J. W. POAST, Commissioner.

Mr. Poast was elected Justice of the Peace in Jennings township and served in that capacity for two terms, and served as well in several other positions of trust in that township, excellent testimony to the high character which he sustained among his neighbors, those who knew him best; testimony which is emphasized by his appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of County Commissioner from January to September, 1895, and his election in 1894 as Commissioner for the term commencing September, 1895.

DANIEL G LEFFLER.

Mr. Leffler was born August 13, 1837, in Fairfield county, Ohio, and in 1851 came with his parents to Putnam county. His father, Solomon Leffler, aged eighty-six years, is still living in the county.

Mr. Leffler responded to the first call of President Lincoln for volunteers, and in April, 1861, became a soldier of the 21st Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was with General Cox in his march up

DANIEL G. LEFFLER, Commissioner.

the Kanawha river. After his term of enlistment in the 21st was closed he re-enlisted in the 49th O. V. I., under the command of the gallant Colonel Gibson, and serving until the close of the war, having been in every engagement in which his regiment took part and having been wounded three times in the battle of Chicamaugua. He was mustered out and honorably discharged in June, 1865, after Lee's surrender, under the general order of the War Department.

He was married to Miss Lavinia Hyde, daughter of Adam Hyde, in June, 1866. Mr. and Mrs. Leffler have five children—Charles Henry, born April 10, 1868; Daniel M., born December 21, 1869; Ella A., born November 8, 1871; Edward C., born February 25, 1875; Arlettie J., born April 16, 1878.

Mr. Leffler started in the grocery business in Leipsic in 1870, in which business he has ever since been engaged, having by his energy, push, business faculty and fair treatment of his customers built up a large and profitable trade and occupying his own building, one of the finest brick blocks in Leipsic.

Mr. Leffler has all of his life been a "man of affairs." In addition to the labors incident to his large and successful grocery trade, he has been called upon by his fellow citizens to serve the public in many capacities. He was elected a member of the first council of the town of Leipsic and served in that capacity in all for twelve years. He was Corporation Treasurer for two terms, township treasurer of Van Buren township for two terms, and treasurer of the Leipsic Special School District for seven years. He was appointed County Commissioner of Putnam county in 1894 to fill a vacancy, and in November of that year was elected County Commissioner by the voters of the county.

A brave and faithful soldier, an honest, competent business man, a pleasant neighbor, the many and various offices which Mr. Leffler has held, is evidence that merit does not always go unrewarded.

HERMAN W. SCHMITSCHULTE.

Mr. Schmitschulte is a native of Germany, having been born January 14, 1848, at Borghorst, Province of Westphalia, in that Empire. He is the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Wilken) Schmitschulte.

On June 3d, 1866, at the age of eighteen years, he came to the United States, going directly to Louisville, Kentucky, where he made his home with relatives until in August, 1867, he came to Putnam county where he worked in the Glandorf Woolen Mills during the winter of 1867–68.

In April, 1868, Mr. Schmitschulte entered the store of Messrs. Frease & Raff as clerk, where he remained until January, 1870, when he went into business for himself, establishing himself in Ottawa, this county, in a grocery and general supply store.

In December, 1880, he was appointed Deputy Clerk by J. J. Zellers, then the Clerk of the Courts of the county, which position he continued to occupy for four years under Clerk Zeller and three years under his successor, R. J. Spellman, until Mr. Spellman's death in 1887, when, in November of that year, Mr. Schmitschulte was appointed by the County Commissioners as Clerk. He was nominated and elected Clerk of the Courts in 1889, and held the office until August, 1895, when he retired, after having for fifteen successive years been at the service of the public in the Clerk's office of the county.

Mr. Schmitschulte was married May 17, 1870, to Miss Mary A. Recker, by whom was born to him four children, all of whom are living.

He was greatly aided in his duties as clerk by his eldest daughter, Miss Lizzie, whose familiarity with the records and with the causes which have been tried while she was deputy clerk was wonderful, and proved of great value to attorneys and others whose business or interests compelled them to seek for information in the Clerk's office. So valuable are her services that at the earnest solicitation of Clerk Beutler, who succeeded her father, she was appointed and accepted the appointment of Deputy Clerk under him. He was also aided in the work of making up the journals and complete records for more than a year past by his son Herman J., who is a graduate of the Ottawa High School.

Mr. Schmitschulte received the education usually given in Germany to the children of well-to-do families before he left Germany, and had no further schooling after his arrival in this country.

Mr. Schmitschulte has been exceptionally faithful in the performance of his official duties, and his genial nature and readiness to oblige, albeit he is a little hasty in his temper, has made

H. W. SCHMITSCHULTE, Clerk of Courts.

him friends almost as numerous as his acquaintance in the county, and his acquaintance in the county reaches into every part of it, as during his fifteen years in the Clerk's office he has been brought in contact with a very large proportion of the citizens.

JAMES P. LEASURE, Prosecuting Attorney.

The above picture represents the present Prosecuting Attorney of Putnam County and one of the foremost young attorneys of Northwestern Ohio.

James P. Leasure was born on a farm near Columbus Grove, in Monroe Township, Allen County, Ohio, May 24, 1858, and like most farmer boys he spent the early years of his life at hard farm labor, thus acquiring those traits of industry and perseverance which have placed him on the road to success.

He attended country school, also the public schools at Columbus Grove, and completed his education at Ada, Ohio, graduating from that place in 1884.

Mr. Leasure selected the profession of law for his life occupation and turned to the foremost law school in the United States to gain an education in this line.

JAMES P. LEASURE Prosecuting Attorney.

In 1889 he graduated from the Ann Arbor law school and soon afterwards entered the office of Squire Sanders, of Columbus Grove, Ohio.

Two months later he was admitted to the bar and immediately after located at Ottawa, entering the office of Messrs. Sheets & Ogan, in whose office he remained until February, 1890, when

he formed a partnership with Chas. Frayer, this partnership continuing until Mr. Frayer's election as Prosecuting Attorney in 1892, when it was dissolved and Mr. Leasure formed a partnership with Guy Killen. This partnership was succeeded in 1893 by one with David N. Powell, under the firm name of Leasure & Powell.

At the November election of 1894 Mr. Leasure after a hard fought campaign, in which the odds were against him, was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Putnam County and now fills that responsible office with honor to himself and the public.

AMOS Z. THOMAS.

Amos Z. Thomas, a son of David M. Thomas, a well known farmer of the Western Reserve, was born in the Township of Hartford, County of Trumbull and State of Ohio. He received a common school education while he remained at home with his father working upon the farm. When about the age of nineteen years, his father having given him his time, he then engaged in the occupation of school teaching for a period of two or three years, and thereafter entered the Alleghany College at

AMOS Z. THOMAS, Probate Judge.

Meadville, Pa., as a student and completed a classical course at that institution, graduating therefrom in a class of seventeen in June, 1859. For two years thereafter he was an instructor in the higher branches at Carrollton Academy, Carrollton, Ohio. He then gave up the occupation of teaching and took up the study of law at the office of Birchard & Moses, well known lawyers at Warren, Ohio, during the years of 1863 to 1865, and was admitted to the bar at Canfield, Ohio, in 1865. In June, 1866, he came to Putnam county, where he has resided ever since.

On March 9, 1876, he was married to Anna R. Hagenbaugh, daughter of John Hagenbaugh of Green County, Ohio. He first taught school at West Leipsic, and afterwards at Kalida, until the year 1870, when he formed a law partnership with Stansbury Sutton at Ottawa, Ohio, under the firm name of Sutton & Thomas, which partnership continued up to the time of the death of Mr. Sutton in 1879. Thereafter he continued in the practice alone until the year 1882, when he again entered into a law partnership with W. W. Sutton, under the firm name of Thomas & Sutton. This partnership continued until November, 1890, when he was elected to the office of Probate Judge and entered upon the duties of his office on the 9th day of February, 1891, and was re-elected to that position in 1893, and which office he holds at the present time.

He was appointed School Examiner of the county in 1870, which position he held until 1879, when by reason of extensive practice he was compelled to resign the same. He was elected as member of the Council of the Village of Ottawa a number of times. His well known principles of honesty and integrity have gained for him in the county a large circle of friends, and it is a matter of common remark that in his official duties none cares for or protects the estates of decedents and wards better than he. In all official positions which he has held he has given entire satisfaction and has left them with the good will of all and regret at the expirations of his term. He now resides on Third street, Ottawa, Ohio.

AARON OBERBECK.

Among the successful, self-made men of Putnam County, who started in youth from the bottom of the ladder, without material or financial aid, is Aaron Oberbeck, the present County Auditor, who was born June 29, 1843, in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The Oberbecks were early settlers of Pennsylvania, and their ancestry is traceable to the early Dutch settlement of New York, but on account of the contending powers and the turmoil thereby, they changed location to a point above the Delaware Rapids, where war ships were ineffective and where the great-grandfather of the subject of this biography was born and raised. His grandfather, Conrad Oberbeck, served as a captain in the war of 1812, and died at the advanced age of 94 years. John Oberbeck, father of Aaron, was born February 19, 1812, on the "old home farm," and at the age of 28 years married Sophia Beck, daughter of Philip Beck, who also was a soldier of the war of 1812. John Oberbeck moved with his family in the spring of 1848 and located in Greensburg Township, Putnam County, Ohio. He resided later at Kalida, Ohio, until the death of his wife in 1884, since which date he has made his home with his son Aaron, at Ottawa, and daughter Sarah Baxter, at Convoy, Van Wert County. To John and Sophia Oberbeck were born ten children, all deceased in infancy but four, to-wit: Louisa, wife of F. E. Mills, of Leipsic, Ohio; Sarah, wife of William L. Baxter, Convoy, Van Wert County; Christena, wife of John Warner, Benton Ridge, Hancock County, and Aaron Oberbeck, Ottawa, Ohio.

Mr. Oberbeck's boyhood days were spent in attending the public schools in Kalida, Ohio, in which he acquired a fair knowledge of a common school education. He was one of the first of Putnam County's boys to respond to the country's call for volunteers, enlisting in April, 1861, in Company E, 21st O. V. I., being at the time less than 18 years of age, but on account of being sick with lung fever was not mustered for service. But nothing daunted, he enlisted again and was mustered into service September 2, 1861, in Company A, 57th Regiment, O. V. I., and with which regiment he served and was honorably discharged on the 12th day of September, 1864. Although the youngest and smallest member of his company, he was at the battle of Shiloh, by order of his colonel, promoted to corporal for gallant conduct on April 6th and 7th, and on the 8th while advancing on the enemy's rear guard and about four miles from Shiloh Church, he was, with a detachment of his company and a detachment of Company F, numbering some forty men, deployed as skirmishers and ordered to push the enemy's rear guard, which was done in great style until beyond support, when an overpowering column of eight to ten hundred Confederate cavalry charged down upon and through the Union skirmish line, terminating with half the skirmishers killed or wounded, some few taken prisoners, while he with some fifteen others in number cut their way back to the main line unharmed. He participated in many bloody battles, including Shiloh, Siege of Corinth, Arkansas Post, Champion Hill or Baker's Creek, Vicksburg, Jackson, Miss., Mission Ridge, Atlanta Campaign, etc., being in all some twenty-three battles and skirmishes.

Mr. Oberbeck had many narrow escapes, one of which was of a most remarkable character. While near Shiloh Church, during the hottest onslaught of that great battle, he was struck by a rifle ball which spent its force after penetrating his blouse pocket containing some eight or ten letters, a daguerreotype and a strong folding horn comb and a neatly folded silk handkerchief, which he carried in his side pocket, thus proving the means of saving his life.

After returning from the army he had no occupation but that of a soldier. Three years gone and no profession, he thereupon commenced anew by attending school and teaching during the winter season for two or three years, and in the meantime was employed in the County Recorder's office, and during the summer of 1869 was employed as Deputy County Clerk of Courts, and at intervals before and after was employed as clerk in the County Auditor's office. In the year 1866 he took up the study of surveying, to which he devoted all his energies and leisure time and in which he became sufficiently proficient to be appointed Deputy County Surveyor in 1871, and five years later was elected County Surveyor and discharged the duties of the same efficiently for a period of six years. At the expiration of his term of office he continued his profession of surveyor and civil engineer and was thus employed until elected County Auditor in 1892.

In the meantime he served about fifteen years as City Civil Engineer of Ottawa, Ohio; four years Town Council and three

AARON OBERBECK, County Auditor

years on the School Board, during which time Ottawa's splendid High School building was erected and completed. During his long period of public service he has proved faithful to every trust and his record is such as to warrant the belief that any position to which his fellow citizens may call him in the future will be ably and worthily filled. As before stated Mr. Oberbeck is, in the strictest sense, a self-made man and almost entirely the architect of his own up building and career, always actuated by a laudable desire to increase his knowledge to discharge intelligently and promptly the duties devolving on him when placed in a public position.

Mr. Oberbeck was married December 5, 1871, to Miss Jennie Cartwright, daughter of Ex-Sheriff W. W. Cartwright, and Paulina (Bowman) Cartwright. Mrs. Oberbeck was born in Putnam County, July 14, 1851, and died April 3, 1889, the mother of four children. Laura E., born June 9, 1873, wife of John Conine; Harry, born August 15, 1875; Nellie, born December 9, 1879. Mr. Oberbeck's second marriage was solemnized with Katie Eisenbach, daughter of Conrad and Christena Eisenbach, January 23, 1890, which union was blessed with the birth of one child, Zella, who was born July 14, 1891.

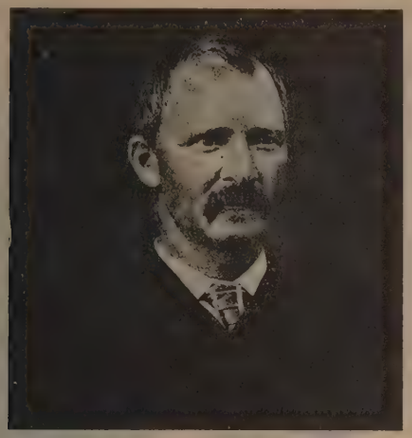
In politics Mr. Oberbeck has always taken a great interest and leading part with the Democratic party of his country, state, county. He has been a member of good standing in Blanchard Lodge No. 284, I. O. O. F., for upwards of twenty-five years, and he also takes a lively interest in his membership of Thomas Allen Post No. 576, G. A. R.

JOSEPH LEOPOLD.

Mr. Leopold, the eldest son of Bernard and Elizabeth Leopold *nee* Siemer, early German settlers of this county, was born at Glandorf, Putnam County, Ohio, September 22, 1845.

He was educated in the common schools of that place, con-

ducted for many years by R. J. Spellman, a former County Clerk. He was raised a farmer's boy, having worked on his father's farm until 1867. He was married to Elizabeth Recker on May 4, 1871, to whom were born eight children, of which five are living. Mrs. Leopold was a daughter of Herman H. Recker, who was a Justice of the Peace of Ottawa Township for more



JOSEPH LEOPOLD, County Treasurer.

than twenty-five years, and Commissioner of Putnam County for two terms of three years each, and a man of mark and influence in the community.

In 1867 Mr. Leopold came to Ottawa with his father and opened the new hotel, the Leopold House, conducting it for two years, when he sold out and returned to the farm, continuing to buy and ship stock for several years. He afterwards took charge of the Leopold Elevator, dealing in and shipping grain, etc., until 1892, when he was elected County Treasurer, which office he now holds—having been re-elected in 1894 for a second term.

Mr. Leopold is an energetic, thriving business man, conducts his office upon business principles and is pleasant and obliging to all, making it distinctively his effort to render as pleasant as possible the unpleasant task of paying their taxes.

JAMES D. HUDDLE.

Mr. Huddle was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, November 27, 1859. His parents, Noah and Mary (Seitz) Huddle moved to Putnam County in the fall of 1860. From the facilities af-

JAMES D. HUDDLE, County Surveyor

forded by the common schools of this county and his home studies he fitted himself for the vocation of teacher, in which profession he was engaged from 1880 to 1888, during that period pursuing the studies which prepared him for the position of Deputy County Surveyor, which position he filled under D. W. Seitz, County Surveyor, from 1888 to 1894, at which time, having been elected at the November election in 1893, he succeeded Mr. Seitz as County Surveyor, which position he now holds. Having a marked artistic taste and natural facility in drawing, Mr. Huddle yielded to his natural bent by taking a course in drawing in all of its branches at Valparaiso, Indiana, which, although it seemed at the time to him a little extravagant, yet has resulted in making him the finest draughtsman who ever held the position of County Surveyor and his record books and reports a pride to the county. He is also a member of the Village Council of Ottawa, having been elected in 1894.

Mr. Huddle was married to Edith Lee, September 12, 1883, with whom he removed to Ottawa, where they have built for themselves a cozy home.

In September, 1894, Mr. Huddle, at the request of the Weather Department of the United States, accepted the appointment of observer for this locality and has in charge the instruments furnished by the goverment for that purpose. His accurate reports of the amount of rainfall and other matters lying within his observation, have been published in the county papers and have attracted the attention and interest of the farmers of the county.

BOSTWICK F. BURGESS.

Mr. Burgess was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, on the 18th day of February, 1846, removing with his parents to Putnam county at the age of thirteen years. Until he was eighteen

B. F. BURGESS, Sheriff

years of age his time was spent at work upon his father's farm with only such educational advantages as he could gather at the common country schools.

In February, 1864, when the clouds of war lowered darkest over our land and the fate of the nation seemed to tremble in the balance, Mr. Burgess, then a boy of eighteen, volunteered and was assigned to the 21st Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, then a veteran regiment in the field, and served as a private until the close of that struggle. He was captured by the enemy at Augusta, Georgia, and suffered the horrors of the prison pen at Florence, South Carolina. So terrible were his sufferings while there that only an iron constitution and indomitable courage could have brought him through them. The writer remembers having assisted him to alight from the train at Ottawa on his return from his captivity, and at that time, after weeks of nursing and generous diet within our lines after his exchange, he was still but the shadow of a man, seeming like one who had no flesh, the skin alone covering the bones.

Mr. Burgess was married September 6, 1865, after the close of the war, to Miss Rebecca Norton. They have four children—Eva A. (Burgess) Gettman, Cora V. (Burgess) Smith, Francis N. Burgess, and Zoa Burgess, their youngest, whose portrait is given on this page.

Since his marriage Mr. Burgess has lived upon the farm which he now owns in Pleasant township, until December, 1894, when, having at the November election of 1893 been elected Sheriff of Putnam county, he moved to Ottawa and entered upon the duties of his office—duties which he has ever since performed with faithfulness, ability and accuracy. He was again nominated in 1895 by the Democratic party for the office. A brave soldier, a good citizen and a pleasant gentleman, Sheriff Burgess well deserved the recognition which he has secured from his fellow citizens.

MISS ZOE BURGESS.

Below is a portrait of little Miss Zoe A. Burgess, the court house pet, who makes frequent calls at the various offices, always bringing a ray of sunshine, a peal of laughter and a merry heart. She is the youngest daughter of Sheriff Burgess; was

MISS ZOE BURGESS.

born on a farm two miles and a half northeast of Columbus Grove, on the 27th day of November, 1883, where she resided and attended school until her family removed to Ottawa, on the 29th of December, 1893, when she entered the third room of the Ottawa Union Schools. She is an exceptionally bright pupil, and her winning ways have made her a general favorite with all and she counts among her friends all those with whom she is acquainted.

DR. G. A. LIGHT.

The subject of this sketch was born near Columbus Grove, Ohio, August 7, 1860, at which place he attended school, and

DR. G. A. LIGHT, Coroner

afterwards taught fourteen terms in the schools of Pleasant township.

He was elected justice of the peace in 1882, at the age of twenty-two years, being then the youngest justice serving in

Ohio, and as far as the writer can learn, the youngest justice ever elected in Northwestern Ohio.

His official term closed with credit to himself and to the office. He graduated in the Pulte Medical College, of Cincinnati, in 1888, practiced his profession two years at Columbus Grove, then moving to Leipsic, O., he at once established himself in a large practice and by his earnest zeal and strict attention to his chosen profession, has made his pratice a constantly progressive one.

Dr. Light was elected coroner of Putnam county as a Democrat in 1893, and has filled the office with credit.

He is again a candidate for that office, and will be elected in 1895.

His political views are purely Democratic. His ambitions are with the interests of Putnam county, and this, one of the banner counties of the state, may look proudly at the promise of his future career.

W. FRANKLIN SHERMAN.

Mr. Sherman was born in Wyandot county, Ohio, on September 8, 1852, and moved with his parents to Putnam county when he was eleven years old. Shortly after arriving in Putnam county his father volunteered and went to the front, leaving to Mr. Sherman, then but a boy of twelve, the task of caring for the family. The duty thus imposed upon him was faithfully

W. F. SHERMAN, Infirmary Director.

performed, but it left but limited time and opportunity for acquiring an education, even such as was afforded by a common country school.

Mr. Sherman was married in 1874 to Miss Frances Willdermood, of Wyandot county. He is a farmer by occupation and has also been a contractor, having done a large amount of public ditching in the county. He is also the proprietor of the Sherman House at Belmore, where as "mine host" he dispenses hospitality to all who require it.

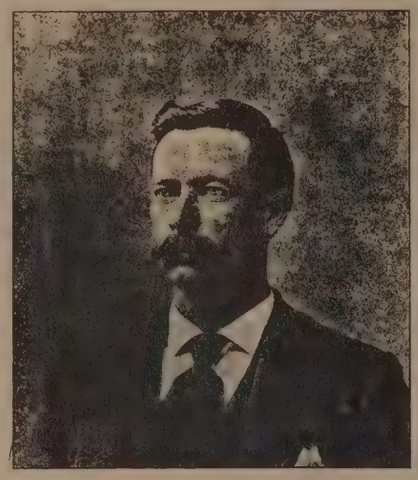
In 1893 he was elected Infirmary Director of Putnam county for the term of three years, and at the primary election this spring received the unanimous nomination of the Democratic party for a second term.

Mr. Sherman is a stirring, active business man, and his unanimous re-nomination indicates that the manner in which he has performed his official duties has met the unqualified approbation of those by whose votes he was first called to fill the position.

Mr. Sherman's paternal grandmother is still living in Seneca county, Ohio, at the ripe age of ninety-eight years.

JOHN W. SUMMERS.

Mr. Summers was born in Seneca county, Ohio, August 15, 1861. He is the son of William P. and Mary Summers, who removed with him, then an infant, to Putnam county, where he has lived ever since. His early advantages and education were such only as are within the reach of every boy and young man who has lived in this county. The common schools were his academy and his college, and what of education and information he has gained outside of them have been acquired by reading and study by himself. A worker from his boyhood up, his natural capacity and his strict integrity have given him an influence in this county, which is evidenced by the public position which he occupies through the votes of the citizens of his county. He was married August 27, 1885, to Miss Rosetta Clevenger. In 1894 he was elected infirmary director of Putnam county and will hold his office until 1898. His father, William P. Summers,



J. W. SUMMERS, Infirmary Director.

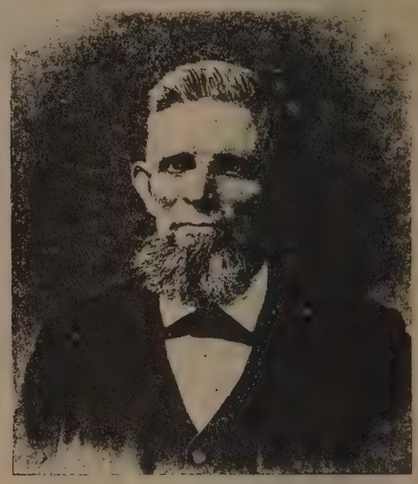
is one of the old residents of the county; born in Ireland nearly 70 years ago. At the age of fourteen years, he took to the sea for a livlihood, and for fourteen years experienced the hardships and vicissitudes of a sailor's life, coupled with the knowledge of strange lands, which that calling affords to one who follows it. He visited Japan, South America, the West Indies, Australia and nearly all the South Sea Islands. He was shipwrecked while rounding the Cape of Good Hope, and barely escaped with his life. In the course of his wanderings he reached California during the earlier excitements of the newly discovered gold fields, and sought his fortune at the diggings, working with varied success for about five years, when having accumulated some money, he was tempted by the reports from Australia to try his fortune there. The venture, however, was unfortunate for him, and after an unsuccessful effort of a year and a half he returned to his native island, where he met and married Miss Mary Martin, with whom he shortly afterward sailed for America, where he has ever since resided. His mother, the grandmother of the subject of this sketch, is still living in Delphos, a hale old lady at the age of one hundred and two years. While in California, away back in the fifties, Mr. W. P. Summers was made a Master Mason, and is noted among the Free Masons of this country for his devotion to the grand principles which actuate the members of that order, as well as his knowledge of the esoteric work of the order, in which his proficiency has been recognized by his having been selected to fill many, even to the highest, offices in the lodge. He was also postmaster of Kalida.

From such a father the subject of this sketch inherited the energy and enterprise which at the age of thirty-three years made him one of the solid farmers of our country, and the genial, kindly nature, with perhaps "a touch of the Blarney," which rendered him popular with all who know him.

BERNARD KREIGER.

Mr Kreiger was born at Dayton, Montgomery county, Ohio, September 4, 1837. He was the son of Mathias and Mary (Hopka) Kreiger who emigrated from Hanover, Germany, in 1834. In 1841 he was brought to Glandorf, in this county, by his parents, with whom he lived at that town until October 5, 1861, at which time, in answer to the call of President Lincoln for more troops, he enlisted as a private in Company I of the 37th O. V. I., and served the full three years. No better example of the faithful, brave and earnest soldier can be found than was "Barney" Kreiger during the entire term for which he enlisted, doing faithfully his duty wherever placed. Wounded in his right arm at Vicksburg he was ready for duty at Chicamauga, Mission Ridge, Atlanta, and in the many smaller engagements in which his regiment and company made their mark upon the enemy. As a sentinel, faithful; as a soldier, brave; and as a forager, a decided success. Barney was a bright example of the volunteer soldier who went into the army from patriotism and got all the fun out of it that he could. He was mustered out with his company at Rome, Georgia, October 13, 1864. After his return home, on the 16th day of May, 1865, he was married to Matilda Doepker. There were born of this marriage eleven children, of whom seven are now living.

During the past ten years Mr. Kreiger has been the janitor at



BERNARD KREIGER, Janitor.

the court house in Ottawa, and by his thorough attendance to the duties of his position, the readiness with which he responds to the numerous call for "Barney," and his constant efforts to aid the many citizens of the county whose business or inclination calls them to the building under his care, have made the name of "Barney Kreiger" well and favorably known throughout the county.

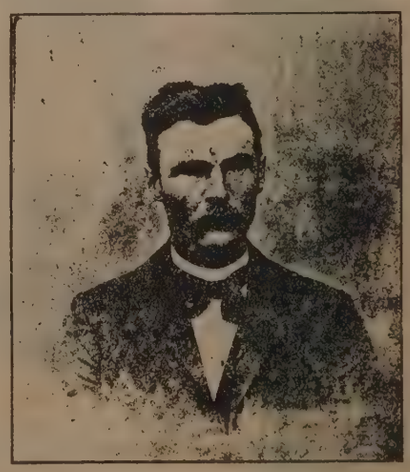
JAMES WILLIAMS.

Mr. Williams was born December 30, 1854, in South Wales, and was brought by his parents to Putnam county in March, 1856. He was educated in school district No. 6, of Syracuse township, in this county. This school is familiarly called "Bryntawa College" in that township.

He was married in 18— to Miss Leah Jane Hughes, a native of this county, having been born here October 1, 1864. To this union were born three boys, Elias, Evan Milton and Thomas Walter, born August 27, 1883, July 4, 1886, and March 22, 1889, respectively.

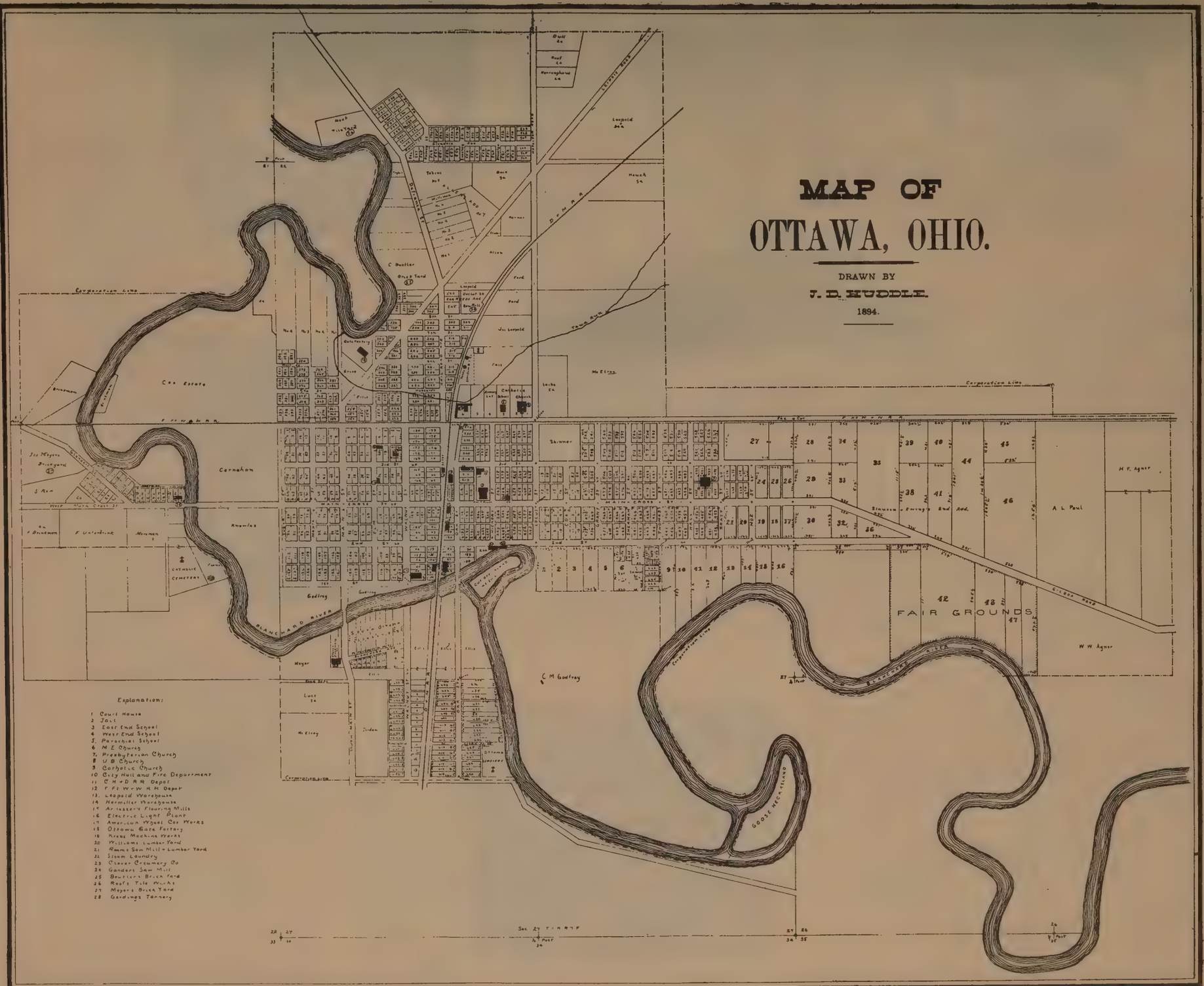
Mr. Williams served as trustee of Sugar Creek township for three years, and at the general election of 1893 was elected Infirmary Director of Putnam county, in which capacity he is still serving.

Mr. Williams is one of those solid, steady farmers, whose



JAMES WILLIAMS, Infirmary Director.

energy, industry and capacity have aided so largely in building up the agricultural standing of Putnam county among the counties in the state.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1894.
Explanation:
1 Court House
2 Jail
3 East End School
4 West End School
5 Parochial School
6 M E Church
7. Presbyterian Church
8 U B Church
9 Catholic Church
10 City Hall and Fire Department
11 C H & D R R Depot
12 F F W & W R R Depot
13. Leopold Warehouse
14 Hermiller Warehouse
15 Artesserts Flouring Mills
16 Electric Light Plant
17 American Wheel Car Works
18 Ottawa Gate Factory
19 Krebs Machine Works
20 Williams Lumber Yard
21 Ramm & Son Mill & Lumber Yard
22 Steam Laundry
23 Clover Creamery Co
24 Ganders Saw Mill
25 Benthien Brick Yard
26 Roofs Tile Works
27 Meyers Brick Yard
28 Gardings Tannery
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Godfrey
Blanchard River
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H. F. Agner
W. W. Agner
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History of Ottawa.

HON. DAVID I. BROWN.

The Village of Ottawa is located in Ottawa township, in Putnam county, Ohio, on the Blanchard fork of the great Auglaize river, twenty-two miles nearly west of the city of Findlay, and about fourteen miles above the point where the Blanchard empties into the great Auglaize river. The village of Ottawa was laid out on the last Tawa Reserve in Ohio, and on the site of the old Indian town of Lower Tawa in 1834, by Aughinbaugh and Barnett, of Dayton, Ohio. This reserve consisted of twenty-five sections of land in a square form, and seems to be the last land owned by the Ottawa or Tawa tribe of Indians in this county, and was held by them by the terms of the treaty of "The Foot of the Rapids of the Miami of the Lakes," of September 29, 1817, a history of which will be found in Congressional Appendix No. 1, second session of the Fifteenth Congress of the U. S. The center of said tract, by the terms of the above named treaty, is located at the point where the old Indian trace crossed the Blanchard river near the southwest corner of the original town plat. The original plat of Ottawa contained one hundred and twenty eight in-lots, which together with the outskirts on the west and south of said plat, and between the plat and the river, comprise the whole of the northwest quarter of the northwest fractional quarter of section twenty-seven in said township. Since the orignal plat there has been platted additions to the village; one in 1856 on the north, on what was known as the Indian Green, by Lucius Hubbard and in 1859 Col. Milton C. Ewing and his sons added another in the same locality. Dr. C. T. Pomeroy made an addition on the east about the year 1854. Judge John Cox laid out another addition some time after this. In 1866 the firm of Slauson & Ewing made an addition on the east and again in 1868, and since that time additions have been made on the south across the Blanchard river, also on the west across the Blanchard. The Tawa Indians, to whom the Ottawa reserve had been assigned, sold it to the United States in 1832. Soon after that they left for Indian Territory, beyond the Missouri (now Kansas).

Ottawa is the present county seat of Putnam county. The county seat was removed from Kalida to Ottawa by a vote of the people at the annual October election of 1866, under an enabling act authorizing the vote to be taken, passed by the Legislature of the winter before. Michael Row built the first house, in which he opened the first tavern, (a hewed-log house) located on lot No. 57, in the fall of 1834, this was the centre of the town plat. Mr. Row came to Ottawa with his family in the spring of 1834. From the time of their arrival until the time that they moved into their new house, they resided in the old Tawa Council House, located on what is known as Indian Green, north of Tawa creek. Old William Williams built the first frame house in the village about the same time; there being no saw mills or lumber to be had, this house was sided up with clapboards. Among the first settlers of this village and township was George Agner, who settled two miles east of Ottawa, probably in 1832. William Galbreath, William and Jonathan Y. Sackett, Henry Crawfis, Christian Heuber and Meredith Parrish settled here about the same time. James Adgate and Henry Ridenour settled on the west side of the Blanchard, below Ottawa, in 1832. James Adgate built the first saw mill on Blanchard river, near Ottawa, and afterwards added to it a corn-cracker; the date of building this mill cannot be exactly given. The village of Glandorf, in this township, and being within two miles of Ottawa, seems to have been first settled by a Catholic priest, late having been a professor of college in Glandorf, Germany. He was known in early times as Father John W. Horstman, but in the Catholic records of Glandorf, his name appears as Rev. William Horstman. In 1833 Prof. Horstman located and procured patents for 560 acres of land in section twenty-nine. He located a Catholic church on this land and built a log church in which services were held until a sufficient number of settlers came in to build a better one. Since this time they have had, including the present one, three churches. The present church is a grand structure, built mostly by the membership of the church at a cost of many thousands of dollars. Father Horstman was accompanied here by John Francis Kahle, William Gulker, Christian Strope, Mathias Bockrath, F. W. Schuman, Fred Bockrath and Ferd. Brodrick, who left Glandorf, Germany, on the 28th day of August before. A small portion of this land was reserved for church and school purposes, the remainder was disposed of to the poor immigrants coming from the old country, upon such reasonable terms as to enable them to pay for the land as they could save the money. Thus it seems that Father Horstman laid the foundation of wealth to many poor families who settled on these lands. After he settled here, Father Horstman built the first grist mill on Cranberry creek, within the present limits of Glandorf, in 1837. In 1841 the Rev. George Boehne came to Glandorf and remained there until 1848, when he was transferred to Ft. Jennings, where he died in 1860. Father Horstman died at Glandorf, Ohio, February 21, 1843.

Ottawa township was organized on the first Monday of March, 1835. The first election was held at Michael Row's tavern April 6, 1835. The first officers were: Trustees, George Agner, William Galbreath, James Adgate; Treasurer, Michael Row; Clerk, William Sackett; Constable, William Bowman; Supervisors, Michael Row and William Galbreath; Overseers of the Poor, Meredith Parrish and Samuel Clark; Fence-viewers, Michael Row and Samuel Runyun, and by order of the court for an election held May 3, 1835, John Cox and William Williams were chosen as the first Justices of the Peace for the township. In 1835 Dr. Calvin Thayer Pomeroy and John and David Cox bought land here and settled in the then new village with their families. Dr. Pomeroy came from Melmore, Seneca county, Ohio, where he had practiced medicine. He entered at once upon the practice of his profession at his new home, became quite prominent in the profession and being a good business man and a successful physician, soon laid the foundation of wealth for himself. To him more than any other man is credit due for the development of the village and the surrounding country It was through his efforts and liberal donations that the D. & M. railroad was located through the town. He was drowned a few years ago while on an excursion on Lake Huron.

The village of Ottawa has two railroads; Dayton & Michigan, extending from Cincinnati to Toledo, was completed and trains run in November, 1859, and another, the Findlay, Ft. Wayne and Western, extending from Findlay, Ohio, to Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and thence west, with trains running since 1894, with a fair prospect of a road, paralleling the Dayton & Michigan, being constructed during the season. The present population of Ottawa is 2,300; this is based upon the school enumeration of 1895, of seven hundred and three (703) pupils. The public buildings consist of two public union school buildings, one located on the original plat, west of the D. & M. R. R., consisting of eight rooms, was completed for school in the year 1868, the other located on the Slauson & Ewing addition, east of the D. & M. R. R., was completed and first used in September, 1892. This is a very fine building and is one among the best in the state of Ohio. The village Council House, Police Station and Engine House with offices belonging to each is located immediately east of the D. & M. R. R., and is a substantial brick building. The Court House, a brick building of the old style, was completed and the first court held in it in 1867. The Common Pleas Court room, with the Clerk's office, Consultation room, Petit and Grand Jury rooms are in the second story, all the other offices belonging to the county are on the first floor. The Jail and Sheriff's residence are in the same enclosure with the Court House, and are built of stone and brick. Ottawa has four church buildings; the Methodist Episcopal, on Main-cross street, east

of the railroad, a one story brick building erected in 1857; the Roman Catholic, a brick building erected in 1868, and dedicated to the Saints, Peter and Paul; the Presbyterian, a two story brick building erected in 1867, and the United Brethren, a frame building between Third and Fourth streets erected in 1848. A building known as Utrup's Opera House, on Main-cross street, has been used for theatrical purposes and as a public hall for twenty years.

The roads leading into Ottawa and through the township are macadamized or gravelled and within the limits of Ottawa there are three substantial iron bridges spanning the Blanchard river.

Ottawa's business is conducted through three banks, three dry goods stores, six groceries, three drug stores, three newspapers, two hardware and two tin stores, two fruit stores, four restaurants, three millinery stores, two jewelry stores, two notion stores, two saddler shops, three wagon and buggy shops, two blacksmith shops, one machine shop and foundry, two sash and door factories, two general lumber yards, one wheel factory, one gate and fence factory, three boot and shoe stores, three hotels, three boarding houses, two agricultural implement stores, four barber shops, two photograph galleries, two dentists, one marble shop, one tile factory, two brick yards, two furniture and undertaker's shops, one steam laundry, two cigar manufactories, two creameries, one electric light plant, two warehouses, one flouring mill, one saw mill and lumber yard.

Orders in the village: Masons—Master Masons, Chapter, Council and Eastern Star; Odd Fellows—Subordinate and Encampment; Knights of Pythias, Maccabees, Grand Army of the Republic, Royal Arcanum, Catholic Knights of Ohio, and National Union.

Present officers of the village: Mayor, Thos. J. Sweeney; Marshal, D. S. Blakeman; Clerk, Louis H. Huber; Treasurer, Chas. Schierloh; Street Commissioner, Jas. A. McDowell; Council, Frank Brinkman, A. T. Fox, B. Beckman, Frank Kern, Herman Crawfis, James D. Huddle.

Ottawa has not been favored with oil or gas to any considerable extent in its immediate vicinity, it has had no boom or rapid growth in improvements and population but has had a steady, healthy growth and through the influence of its schools, churches and its society in general Ottawa stands as high in intelligence and moral worth of its citizens as any village of its population in the northwest. Its physicians stand equal with any in the profession anywhere, and among the twenty five lawyers are eminent jurists and ex-judges of the Common Pleas and Circuit Courts of the state, and the business men compare favorably with good business men everywhere.

JUDGE J. J. MOORE.

Judge J. J. Moore was admitted to the bar on April 29, 1863, and immediately entered into the practice with Hon. S. W. Gilson, a well known and distinguished lawyer at Canfield, Ohio, and so continued until the fall of 1866, at which time he removed to Ottawa, Ohio, where he has resided ever since, and continued in the profession. While engaged in the profession he was twice elected to the legislature of the state from Putnam county, which position he filled with credit to himself and the people, and took high rank among the men of the state for the ability displayed and attention given to all legislative matters.

In 1878, he was elected Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the third sub-division of the third judicial district of Ohio, and again re-elected to this position in 1883. Shortly after this time the Constitutional amendment creating the Circuit Court having carried by a vote of the people, he was in 1884, and while yet serving as a Common Pleas Judge, elected a Judge of the Circuit Court of the third Circuit of Ohio, and resigned the position of Common Pleas judge to accept the higher one. He was re-elected in the office of Circuit Judge in 1888 and continued in that position until the expiration of his term, February 9, 1895, at which time he resumed the practice of law at Ottawa, Ohio, forming a partnership with A. V. Watts, under the firm name of Watts & Moore.

In 1888 he was elected president of the State Bar Association of Ohio. He was married at Canfield, Ohio, to Elizabeth C. Patterson, of which union there is one child living, Gilson Moore, who resides at and is in business in Ottawa, Ohio.

As a judicial officer he gave eminent and entire satisfaction as

JUDGE J. J. MOORE.

can be best attested by the promotions he received. He earned the entire confidence of all classes of people and by reason of his learning, the bench upon which he served, ranked the best in the State, and the reports of his decisions as found in the several Circuit Court Reports, show great learning and take high rank with the Bar of the State. Being of a friendly and social nature, he attracted to him and made his warmest friends among the younger members of the bar, and it was a matter of common remark that it was a pleasure to practice before him.

As a matter of further proof of his honesty and the confidence of all classes of people therein, at the several times he was a candidate for his judicial positions, no nominations were made by his opposing party against him.

A. V. WATTS.

The person represented by the portrait below needs no introduction to the people of Putnam county. For twenty years the name of A. V. Watts has reached far beyond the limits of his county. Mr. Watts was admitted to the bar on

A. V. WATTS.

August 25, 1871, and elected Prosecuting Attorney of this county, in October, 1874, serving in that office two terms, with entire satisfaction to the public. He is a man of great natural abilities, wonderful memory and untiring industry. These qualities combined with a great gift of argument, have placed him in the foremost rank of Ohio's jury lawyers.

On February 11, 1895, he formed a partnership with Judge J. J. Moore, and under the firm name of Watts & Moore, may be found one of the first law firms of the state.

DAVID N. POWELL.

David N. Powell was born on a farm in Blanchard township, Putnam county, Ohio, May 20, 1863, and on a farm and in the public schools he spent a busy boyhood.

He graduated from the high school at Leipsic in May, 1888, and in August, 1888, he attended the Northern Indiana school at Valparaiso, Indiana, and graduated from the Commercial department in 1889 and from the Law department in 1890.

After graduating in the law department he returned home and entered the law office of Messrs. Sheets & Ogan, where he remained for two years. In 1893 he was admitted to the bar and soon after entered into a partnership with James P. Leasure for the practice of law and is junior member of that promising firm of Leasure & Powell.

EPHRAIM R. EASTMAN

Was born near Woodstock, Ohio, May 6, 1854, and attended public schools in Ohio and Iowa until 17 years of age.

At the age of fourteen he was thrown upon his own resources by the death of his mother and began teaching school at the age of seventeen, which profession he followed until 1883, occupying his vacation in mechanical and agricultural work until he began the study of law in 1879. He pursued his studies diligently during 1880, 1881 and 1882 at Defiance and afterwards at his home in Putnam county until he was admitted to the bar, June 2, 1885. He resided at Dupont from June, 1884, until October, 1886, when he located in Ottawa, and entered into a partnership in the practice of law. This partnership was dissolved one year later and another formed with Wm. C. G. Krauss, which partnership still continues.

Mr. Eastman is a graduate of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, also of the school of German Chautauqua College of Liberal Arts, and is now a student of English under Prof. McClintick, of the University of Chicago.

Mr. Eastman was united in marriage October 18, 1874, to Elizabeth Ellen Parrett, of Putnam county, and to them have been born ten children, eight of whom are now living. Lillie

E. R. EASTMAN.

A., born September 15, 1875, is a graduate of the Ottawa public schools, also of the Ohio Wesleyan University. Ora M., born September 22, 1877, is a graduate of the Ottawa public schools and now a student of Ohio Wesleyan University. Alphonso M., born December 25, 1879, died in 1881. Maud E., born January 8, 1882, now a student in the Ottawa high schools. Ivan L., born April 1, 1884, also a student in the Ottawa public schools. Ethel I., born June 16, 1886, is also a student in the public schools. Leroy E., born March 13, 1888, is at school. Marie A., born September 6, 1890. Herbert P., born November 9, 1892. Dorotha G., born November 6, 1894, and died December 23, 1895.

Mr. Eastman is the secretary of the Ottawa Home and Savings Association, of which he was the founder. He is also attorney for the Putnam County Abstract Company and one of its incorporators. He is an ardent advocate of the compulsory school law and of a system of county superintendence of public schools.

Mr. Eastman and his family are members of the M. E. Church; he is a member of Blanchard lodge of I. O. O. F., Ottawa lodge, F. and A. M., Tawa Council R. A. and other societies. Mrs. Eastman is a member of the Golden Link Lodge, D. of R. and the Order of the Eastern Star and also of American Federation of Literary Clubs and other educational and beneficial societies,

WM. C. G. KRAUSS.

The subject of this sketch was born June 7, 1838, in the village of Basil, Fairfield county, Ohio, and moved to Putnam county, with his parents, May 27, 1847, to what was known as the town of Medary, in this county, and in 1851 moved on a tract of wild land in Section 9, Liberty township, which he he helped to clear and prepare to make a farm of, under all the difficulties of early pioneer life.

By dilligent study at the country schools and at night Mr. Krauss acquired an education sufficient to enable him to teach school, and in 1854 at the early age of 16 years he began teaching a country school in Palmer township, which he taught for three years, and later one winter in Hancock county and one in Liberty township. He continued school teaching until 1859, when in the spring of 1860 he entered the preparatory department of Wittenberg College, passing examination in the Sophomore class of that school one year later, but did not return to school, answering his country's call to arms instead. He became a member of Company E, 83rd Ohio Infantry in August 1862, and saw active service and took part in the battles of Haines' Bluff, Port Hudson, Port Gibson, Champion Hills, Black River Bridge and in the seige of Vicksburg. On May 22, 1863, in the assault on the Vicksburg forts, he was severely wounded and sent to the hospital at Memphis, where he

WM. C. G. KRAUSS.

spent his time in studying medicine and pharmacy until July, 1864, when he passed an examination for enlistment as Hospital Steward in the regular army, when he was discharged from the volunteer and enlisted as Hospital Steward in the regular army, serving at Memphis until February, 1866, when he was transferred to Savannah, Georgia, remaining there until May, 1866, when he was assigned to duty at Atlanta, and in June of that year, at his own request, he received his discharge from the service and returned home, and entered the law office of Swan & Moore, where he remained until February 1869, when he was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of Ohio. During his stay with Swan & Moore in 1868 he made a trip to Germany.

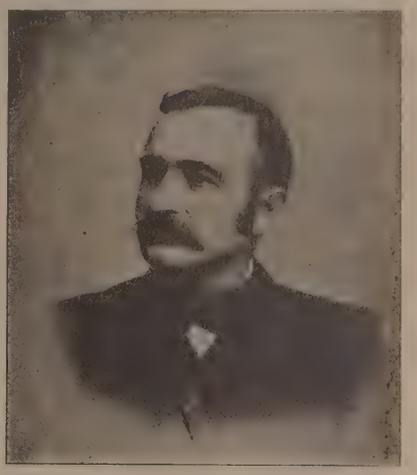
After being admitted to the bar, Mr. Krauss entered on the practice of law at Ottawa. For a number of years he paid special attention to real estate law and abstracting, but later his practice has been more general. He served one term as prosecuting attorney of Putnam county, has been village solicitor of Ottawa for one term and attorney for the Ottawa Home and Savings Association since its organization. In 1887 Mr. Krauss formed a partnership with E. R. Eastman, which partnership still exists, and they are one of the leading law firms of the county.

On December 23, 1869, Mr. Krauss was united in marriage with Rebecca J. Gordon, and two children bless their home, Bertha Katharine, born May 6, 1871, who graduated from the Ottawa high school with highest honors, and from the Ohio State University, with merit (the highest grade), and is now principal of the Ottawa High schools; and Edward C., now a student of the Ottawa High school, born September 16, 1883. Mr. Krauss has been active in encouraging public improvements, and has the reputation of promoting settlements of cases brought him rather than litigating.

JUDGE WILLIAM H. HANDY.

Judge Handy was born in Fulton county, Ohio, January 29, 1847. He received a common school education. On June 16, 1863, when the clouds of war hung heavily over the land, he, a mere boy of sixteen, answered to the call of President Lincoln for volunteers, by enlisting in the 86th regiment, O. V. I. He served during the term of enlistment which expired February 10, 1864, when he was discharged. He re-enlisted April 10, 1864, in company H, 67th regiment, O. V. I., and served until the close of the war and was honorably discharged as a sergeant in September, 1865. He was color guard during and in the battles around Richmond and Petersburg, Virginia, in 1864-5.

He was admitted to the bar in 1869, and was nominated by the Democratic convention at Napoleon, January 27, 1885, for Common Pleas Judge to succeed Judge Moore. Was appointed



JUDGE WM. H. HANDY.

January 29, 1885, by Governor Hoadley to fill a vacancy on the Common Pleas bench, and was elected in the fall of 1885 and re-elected in 1889, both times without opposition. He served as Common Pleas Judge from February 1885 to May 10, 1894, when he became a member of the law firm of Handy & Ogan, at Ottawa, Ohio.

He was married to Isabel J. Van Arsdale, October, 1869. Three children were born to this union, Harry L., Clive C., and May B. Clive was admitted to the bar in April, 1895, and is an attorney in the office of the receiver of the Ohio Southern railroad at Lima, Ohio.

JULIUS S. OGAN.

Mr. Ogan, of the law firm of Handy & Ogan, was born on a farm near Columbus Grove, June 9, 1850. He went to a country school until he was nine years old when his father, N. W. Ogan, a well known resident of the county, moved to Columbus Grove,

JULIUS S. OGAN.

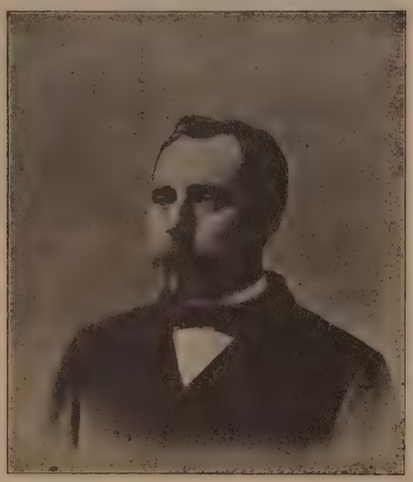
after which he attended school at that village. He afterwards entered college at Oberlin, Ohio, graduating from that institution in 1886. He then took up the study of the legal profession at Ann Arbor, Michigan, graduating in 1878. The same year he was admitted to the bar and commenced the practice of law

at Columbus Grove. He moved to Ottawa in 1888 and in 1892 went into a partnership with John M. Sheets. This partnership continued until May 10, 1894, when he entered into a partnership with Judge W. H. Handy.

Mr. Ogan was married to Miss Estella Turner, daughter of William Turner, a prominent farmer of Pleasant township. To this union there are four children.

JOHN H. STRAMAN.

John H. Straman was born July 3, 1856, at Cincinnati, Ohio, and his early school years were spent in Cincinnati. He came to Putnam county, Ohio, June 15, 1870, and was a bound boy for two years. On August 7, 1877, he was married at Glandorf, Ohio, to Anna G. Reckfelder. Four children were born to



JOHN H. STRAMAN

them; Anna G., born May 9, 1878; Mary E. born January 10, 1880; Catharine A., born September 4, 1882, and Albert H., born May 1, 1884. For fifteen years he taught school in Putnam county, and during that time studied law, and was admitted to the bar in December 1892. He is now actively engaged in the practice of law and located at Ottawa, Ohio.

JOHN P. BAILEY.

John P. Bailey, son of George W. and Malinda (Driver) Bailey, was born at Singer's Glen, Rockingham county, Virginia, September 12, 1853. Later in the autumn of the same year the family removed to Allen county, Ohio, locating about

JOHN P. BAILEY

four miles north of Lima. In the spring of 1858 they removed to a farm just north of Rockport, Allen county, where they resided until the spring of 1868, when they removed to the vicinity of Beaver Dam, Allen county, where Mr. Bailey's parents still reside on a farm. John remained at home until 21 years of age and aided in the usual work on a farm and attending school in winters. After arriving at age he attended Normal School at Ada and Lebanon, Ohio. He began teaching in the autumn of 1875 and taught most of the time till January, 1882, having been principal of the public schools at Beaver Dam, Bluffton, Leipsic and West Leipsic. Mr. Bailey located at Leipsic August 21, 1878, and has ever since resided in Putnam county. He was married to Laura L. Edgecomb, daughter of Ezra and Louisa (Thayer) Edgecomb, September 2, 1875. The following named are their children: Arthur Clarence, born August 17, 1876, died November 9, 1879; Maggie May, born May 2, 1879, died October 5, 1880; Lena Belle, born July 21, 1881; Bessie Idella, born July 5, 1884; George Ezra, born August 16, 1886; Thayer Edgecomb, born July 8, 1890; Ralph Ewing, born December 8, 1893.

Mr. Bailey began reading law in the fall of 1878 and was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court at Columbus, January 4, 1881, and has also been admitted in the States of Indiana and West Virginia and some of the Federal Courts. He began the practice at Ottawa in January, 1882, with Charles N. Haskell, under the firm name of Haskell & Bailey. This firm continued till March, 1888. Mr. Bailey practiced alone until May 1890, when the present firm of Bailey & Bailey (John P. and Dan M.) was formed. Mr. Bailey was prosecuting attorney of this county from January, 1886 till January, 1892. He was the Democratic candidate for Attorney General of the state in 1891 and again in 1893.

CAPTAIN DAVID C. LONG.

Capt. Long was born at Ottawa, in this county, January 17, 1859. He is the eldest son of Jacob L'H. and Kate M. (Cox) Long. He was educated in the public schools of Ottawa. At the age of 18 he, in the employ of Bacon & Ewing, assisted in

CAPTAIN DAVID C. LONG

the purchase and shipment of live stock to Buffalo and the eastern markets. He studied law in the office of his father and in the spring of 1881 was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Ohio. In the same year he went into partnership with his father in the practice of his profession, a partnership which has continued to the present time.

In 1887 Capt. Long was elected First Lieutenant of Co. I, 2d Regiment, Ohio National Guard, and in 1889 was made captain of that company, and by his energy and application coupled with his knowledge of tactics made that company one of the crack companies of the regiment. He held this position until 1893, when he resigned to accept an appointment in the Columbian Guards at Chicago during the World's Fair at that city. He remained in Chicago until October, 1893, when he returned to Ottawa and resumed his practice.

When Capt. Long was quite small, hardly yet out of petticoats, he was so fearless a rider that some one called him "Dick Turpin," and the nickname has stuck by him ever since, so that he is better known as "Dick Long" than by his legitimate patronymic.

Big hearted, full of the milk of human kindness, his energy in the transaction of business has carried him into every part of this and neighboring counties, and there are few men better known or better liked in Northwestern Ohio than "Captain Dick Long."

GEORGE FRITZ,

Attorney-at-Law, Ottawa, Ohio. Came to Putnam County, Ohio, in 1863; admitted to practice by the Supreme Court of Ohio,, January 3, 1882.

DANIEL M. BAILEY.

The picture below represents a well known member of one of the leading law firms of Putnam county. He was born in Allen county, Ohio, March 4, 1862, and attended the country schools of that county until 1879, after which time he spent two years at Lebanon, Ohio, and Valparaiso, Indiana, and from 1881 to 1887 taught school continually.

In 1887 he received the appointment as deputy clerk of the Probate Court of Allen county and continued in that capacity

DANIEL M. BAILEY.

three years. After entering upon the duties of this office Mr. Bailey improved his leisure hours in reading law with such earnestness that he was admitted to practice March 6, 1890. Soon after being admitted to practice he located at Ot-

tawa, Ohio, and formed a partnership with his brother, John P. Bailey, and under the firm name of Bailey & Bailey they are now conducting a very successful law practice.

Mr. Bailey was married September 17, 1884, to Miss Laura Hadsell, of Allen county, Ohio.

DAVID IRWIN BROWN.

David Irwin Brown was born in what is now Ashland county, Ohio, on the 4th day of October, 1824. His parents, Henry Brown and Margaret (Knitz) Brown, with their family removed to Marion county, Ohio, in February, 1826, where they "squatted" on the Indian lands about four miles southwest of the Indian village of Pipetown, the old home of Captain Pipe, the Delaware chief. The family remained in that locality until the death of the mother, which occurred in August, 18.9, when the father with his family of five children, named respectively—Elizabeth, aged ten years; Abraham, aged eight years; David I., aged five years; Letitia, aged three years; Mahlon, aged three months—removed to Sycamore township, Crawford county, Ohio, on the north side and near the line of the Wyandot Reserve, where the subject of this sketch with the father and the family remained until the spring of 1839, when they removed to Grand Prairie township, Marion county, Ohio. In the meantime the father had married again, and David I., having lived

DAVID IRWIN BROWN.

with his uncle (Abraham Brown) for some years in Sycamore township, Crawford county, Ohio, having left his uncle's house and gone with his father's family to Marion county, where he lived in the family of his father until the 18th day of August, 1839, when he left without permission, bare-footed and without money, and entirely destitute of any of the comforts of life, and went back to his uncle's house. At the time he was a robust, healthy boy nearly fifteen years old.

He soon obtained employment in the neighborhood at fair wages among the Quakers until the winter set in, and he then attended district school about two and one-half months. This was a very new country and there were no schools in it, and but a few settlers, until the fall of 1836 when the settlers clubbed together and built a log school house in the wilderness.

Mr. Brown drove his uncle's oxen and hauled all the logs and material put into this school house; he also hauled all the wood that was burned in the school house that winter. This was his first attendance at school. There was no public fund at that time to pay the teacher. The house holders hired a cheap girl to teach three months at one dollar and a half a week, she boarding with the patrons of the school. The tuition and books used by the subject of this sketch were furnished by his uncle, except Webster's Elementary Spelling Book, a New Testament, then used in school, and an English Reader, also then used in school, which he earned money enough to pay for by making fires in the school house in the mornings for twelve and a half cents a week for ten weeks. He attended school that winter for ten weeks only, and in 1837 and 1838 he attended school ten weeks in each year, and in 1839, 1840 and 1841, three months in each year. In the winter of 1841–42 he attended a select school, taught in the neighborhood, for four months. In the winter of 1842–43 he taught his first school, in an old Indian log cabin standing on the south bank of Brokensword Creek, at Osceola, Crawford county, Ohio. This was the first winter school taught in Center township, in the county.

After this for several years he taught school in the winter and went to school a good part of the time in the summer and fall. In the summer of 1845 he attended school at the old Academy at Marion, Ohio, where he acquired some knowledge of the higher branches of an English education.

He came to Putnam county in August, 1847, stayed a short time at Kalida, and in October of that year he went to Gilboa where he made his home until he was married to Miss Elizabeth Shaw, of Hancock county, Ohio, on the 1st day of May, 1849. During the summer following he bought a lot in Gilboa and erected a small house upon it. He lived in this house with his wife and one child until January 8, 1852, when he with his family moved to Kalida. In August, 1851, Mr. Brown was nominated by the Democrats of Putnam county for Clerk of Courts of the county, and was elected at the October election of that year by a majority of seventy-seven votes over Dr. R. W. Thrift, the Whig candidate, who held the office at that time by appointment of the court. The new Constitution of the State was adopted, by vote of the people, on the 17th day of June, 1851, and by its provisions made the office an elective one. The people were therefore called upon to make the selection by vote. Mr. Brown served as Clerk for six years, having been re-elected in 1854.

He was a candidate for Representative for the counties of Putnam and Henry in the State Legislature in 1859, and was defeated for nomination by one vote by the treachery of a man whom he had befriended sufficiently to arouse his jealousy, and who induced three delegates of one township to stay away from the convention. The nominee of this convention was elected, but died in a short time, and Mr. Brown was nominated and elected in 1860. He was a member of the Legislature when the War of the Rebellion broke out, and being a Union man to the core, favored the prosecution of the war on the part of the United States to a finish.

The general government having failed to make the appropriations necessary to equip, feed and clothe an army to suppress the rebellion, the States had to either make such appropriations or permit the rebellion to succeed; therefore Ohio by its Legislature was called upon for her full share of money. The necessary appropriations were authorized by law and passed at once, Mr. Brown voting for all of them as is shown by the journals of the House of Representatives of 1861. He remained a war Democrat until the war was over. Four days before the October election of 1861, the war Democrats of Putnam and Henry counties placed his name on their tickets for re election against the anti-war element of the Democratic party, and he was defeated by a few votes only. At the October term of the Court of Common Pleas in 1861, Mr. Brown was appointed Prosecuting Attorney of Putnam county to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Captain James C. Gribben, who had enlisted in the 57th O. V. I. and gone into the service.

Mr. Brown served as Prosecuting Attorney until the first Monday in January, 1863. During the time of the war Mr. Brown was engaged in the recruiting service, holding two commissions for that purpose under the Provost Marshal General, and in the practice of law at Kalida, and after 1863 he dealt largely in stock and for some years handled nearly all the hogs and cattle sold in this part of Ohio. On the 7th of August, 1867, he moved with his family from Kalida to Ottawa, the county seat having been removed from Kalida to Ottawa by vote of the people at the October election, 1866.

In 1862 Mr. Brown was a member of the Convention that nominated M. R. Waite (late chief justice of the U. S.) for Congress against James M. Ashley, the regular Republican candidate. The extreme anti-war element of the Democratic party, assisted by Mr. Ashley's money, induced a Mr. Phelps, of Defiance, Ohio, to run on the Democratic ticket, and thereby defeated Mr. Waite and elected Ashley.

In 1875 Mr. Brown was one of the nominees of the Democrats for Senator of the 33rd Senatorial District of Ohio. He with his running mate, Clark McDonald, of Wood County, canvassed every township in the six counties of the District, and received as counted sixteen hundred and eighty more votes than was cast for Senator Joy in 1877; while in 1875 the Clerk and Justices of the Peace who canvassed the vote of Wood County refused to count the votes of Perrysburg Township, which in 1876 cast four hundred and thirty-two Democratic votes. This added to the sixteen hundred and eighty votes shows a vote of twenty-one hundred and twelve more than Joy received in 1877, when the Perrysburg vote was counted, for the same office. Joy was elected in 1877, while Brown and McDonald were defeated, or counted out, in 1875.

Mr. Brown was nominated for Representative in the State Legislature and was elected by the Democrats of Putnam County at the October election in 1877, and re-elected in 1879.

During his first term in the Legislature after this election he was made Chairman of the Committee of the House on ditches, drains, and water courses. The committee, under his supervision, amended, revised and codified the drainage laws of the State, every provision of which as revised proved effective and stood the test of the courts.

This law made it possible to drain the swamp lands of the State as well as to straighten, deepen and widen ditches already made, and creeks and natural water courses generally.

This law by its proper administration and application has redeemed and made productive thousands of acres of land, which were wholly worthless without drainage, and has made the wilderness to bloom as the rose.

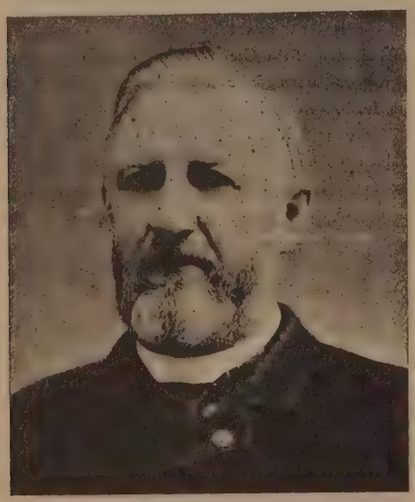
Mr. Brown has always taken an active part and a deep interest in all measures designed to advance the welfare of the general public. He became a Democrat before he was old enough to vote, and since his residence in Putnam County has attended more Democratic meetings and made more Democratic speeches than any other man in the County.

In 1856, when more than one hundred leading Democrats of the County became discouraged and left the party, and among those who left were nine of the fifteen committemen, the editor of the Democratic newspaper with his paper, the Chairman of the Central Committee, and some of the candidates for County officers already on the ticket. Through Mr. Brown's efforts and by his indomitable courage, push and determination, he reorganized the Central Committee, became its Chairman, called a mass convention of Democrats, which dismissed all such candicates from the ticket as refused to vote the whole Democratic ticket. This convention ordered others nominated to take the place of those dismissed; others were nominated by the Democracy and were elected by larger majorities than any Democrat had ever received in the county before. Mr. Brown is a Democrat from principle and not for boodle, and has always been ready and willing to spend his time for the good of the party, and has spent large sums of money in paying necessary expenses of political campaigns for the benefit of his party's candidates. He is a Democrat of the Jeffersonian school and has the esteem and confidence of the people of this county generally, without regard to politics or religion.

Mr. Brown is self reliant, takes the advice of others only when his better judgment directs him to do so, was a self educated boy, and to all intent and purposes a self made man.

JACOB L'H. LONG.

Col. Long, son of Jacob and Maria M. (L'Hommedieu) Long, was born at Franklin, Warren County, Ohio, June 28, 1833. In 1840 he removed with his family to Cincinnati, in which city he resided until he started in life for himself. He commenced his business life in the wholesale dry goods store of John W. Ellis & Co., in Cincinnati, continuing one year in that employment, at the expiration of which he went into the grist mill owned by his step father at Middleton, Ohio, until the summer of 1849, when he went to Iowa, remaining in that State until the spring of 1850. Having fitted himself for the position, he was engaged in the engineer corps of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad, which position he resigned to take a similar position on the Springfield, Mount Vernon & Pittsburg Railroad, having charge as Division Engineer of the construction of the division of that road between Delaware and Marysville. After the close of his work on that road he went to Memphis, Tennessee, to take charge of surveys upon the Memphis & Charleston Railroad, making his headquarters at Memphis. Work being suspended upon that road, during a portion of the time of his residence there, he made the original surveys for the Government of four townships of what was known as the Arkansas Swamp Lands, which were donated to the State to be sold and the proceeds applied to the construction of a levee for the purpose of reclaiming them from the overflow of the Mississippi River; and for some



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time he was engaged in superintending the construction of the levee.

In the fall of 1852 he accepted an offer from Mr. Huntington, the chief engineer of the Dayton & Michigan Railroad, to assist in the preliminary and locating surveys of that road from Toledo to Lima, and in the winter following assisted in making the preliminary surveys and the final locating survey of that road from Perrysburg through the Black Swamp to Lima He arrived at Ottawa on the first day of May, 1853, where he remained as engineer in charge of the construction of the portion of that road lying between Perrysburg and Lima, (a portion of the time in conjunction with J. W. Sylvester in the work) until work was suspended on the road for want of funds, when he went over to the Fremont & Indiana, now the Lake Erie & Western Railroad, and made some test surveys and estimates.

February 2, 1855, he was united in marriage to Miss Kate M. Cox, a daughter of David and Jane Cox, who were among the earliest settlers in Ottawa Township, Mr. Cox and his brother, John Cox, having opened the first store in the county about 1836.

In 1855 Col. Long, with his brother-in-law, William G. Cox, bought the Sniff saw mill at Leipsic, and moving out there ran the mill for about a year, when they sold out the mill and returned to Ottawa. In the summer of the same year he drove through to Iowa, spending the winter in that State, and through the summer of the following year was engaged in the survey of the Nebraska & South Iowa Railroad through the southern tier of counties of Iowa, returning to Ottawa in the fall. He then engaged in land surveying in the county until the spring of 1861, teaching during a part of the time in the schools of Kalida, Ottawa and the Leamaster district in Perry township.

When President Lincoln issued his call for 75,000 volunteers he volunteered with the company from this place which was afterward Company D, of the 21st regiment, O. V. I., and was mustered into service as a sergeant of that company. When the regiment was ordered up the Kanawha river later in the summer he was appointed regimental engineer, and was the only topographical engineer with General Cox's brigade upon that eventful march. He was with the company at the battle of Scarey Creek when Captain Thomas G. Allen and Lieutenant Guy Pomeroy were killed, and was mustered out with the regiment at Delaware in the fall of 1861. In the spring of 1862 he again volunteered with the company from Ottawa, which was afterward Co. C, 87th Regt., O. V. I., and was made first Lieutenant and Adjutant of the regiment. The regiment was ordered to Virginia and was one of those stationed at Harper's Ferry, which, after a three days' fight was surrendered by General Miles, and paroled. After the expiration of the term for which they enlisted, an effort was made to re-enlist the regiment, and Lieutenant Long was commissioned Major of the regiment. A sudden call for troops came before the regiment was filled and it was consolidated with the 125th regiment, and Major Long was consolidated out.

He then learned telegraphy and was appointed operator and freight, ticket and express agent of the D. & M. railway at Ottawa, continuing in that position until 1865, during which time he was admitted to the bar and tried some cases. In 1865 he was appointed ticket agent for all of the railroads centering at Dayton and removed with his family to that city, remaining there until 1867, when he returned to Ottawa and resumed the practice of law, in which he has been engaged ever since, having had as partners Hon. James T. Lentzy, Hon. W. H. Kinder, and his present partner, his son, Capt. D. C. Long.

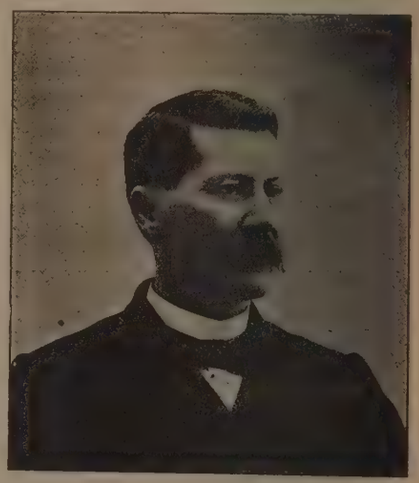
Col. Long was the Republican candidate for Congress in the old 5th District in 1876, was elected one of the Garfield Presidential electors in 1880, and has taken an active part in politics, having been a member of the Republican State Central Committee for two or three years, and for ten or twelve years Chairman of the County Central Committee. He is an active worker in the Masonic Order, having been Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of R. A. M., of Ohio; Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M., of Ohio, and being now, by virtue of the offices he has held, a life member of all the Grand bodies of Masons in Ohio, except the Grand Commandery, and also of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

GEORGE H. KNUPP.

George H. Knupp, Attorney at Law, Ottawa, Putnam county Ohio, was born at Tiffin, Seneca county, Ohio, May 12, 1852. His parents were George Knupp, born in Virginia, and Frances Maria (Ritchie) Knupp, born in Frederick county, Maryland. Mrs Knupp was born in Kalida, Putnam county, Ohio, February 26, 1852. Her maiden name was Helen J. Brown, daughter of David I. and Elizabeth (Shaw) Brown. They were married at Monroe, Michigan, October 2, 1871. Their children are—Lillia F., born June 30, 1872; Emma E., born March 9, 1874; Blanche B., born December 5, 1875; Ella A., born August 11, 1883; George R., born May 30, 1885; Helen M., born February 17, 1892.

In August, 1865, George H. Knupp left Tiffin and went to Fremont, Sandusky county, Ohio, where in October of the same year he apprenticed himself to L. E. & R. A. Cross to learn the jeweler's and watch-making trade. He remained there up to November, 1868, when he went to Fostoria, Seneca county, Ohio, and entered the employ of Emanuel Fisher in the capacity of watchmaker and jeweler. Remaining at Fostoria but a short time he removed to Plymouth, Indiana, where he engaged in the jewelry business, where he continued in said business up to September, 1869, when on account of poor health he was compelled to sell out and quit the business. October 10, 1869, he came to Ottawa, and on December 23d of the same year he engaged in the jewelry business at Ottawa and continued in said business up to the winter of 1874–75, when again on account of failing health he was compelled to quit the business.

In December, 1874, he entered the law office of Brown & Watts as a student, and in April, 1876, he was admitted to the bar by the District Court of said county. In April, 1878, he



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was elected Mayor of Ottawa and served two terms as such, going out of office in May, 1882. In October, 1878, he was elected Justice of the Peace for Ottawa township, Putnam county, Ohio, and served three full terms of the years each. He was three times elected member of the Board of Education in Ottawa Special School District.

CHARLES FRAYER.

Charles Frayer was born in Allegan, Michigan, November 22, 1859. Having lost his parents while he was very young, his boyhood was passed on a farm. He earned enough in summer to buy his clothes and books, and earned his board while attend-

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ing the district school in winter by doing farm chores. Having improved every opportunity he possessed for learning, it enabled him at the age of eighteen to commence teaching school, which business he followed until his admission to the bar in 1887. In 1888, on the death of John H. Gordon, he was elected Justice of the Peace of Ottawa township, and in 1891 he was elected Prosecuting Attorney. The time for which he held the latter

office was noted for the vast amount of criminal prosecutions instituted. Chief among them were those against some of the ex-officials for being connected with the treasury defalcations, all of which were successfully prosecuted by Mr. Frayer to final conviction and sentence. He was married in 1887 to Edith Wallen and they now have four children.

FRED H. WOLF.

Fred H. Wolf was born at Bluffton, Indiana, March 28, 1870, and moved from there with his parents when two years old to Montgomery county, Ohio, and lived there until 1876, when he moved on a farm in Shelby county, Ohio, where he remained until he was nineteen years of age, when he came to Putnam county on June 23, 1889. He came to Ottawa, Ohio, January

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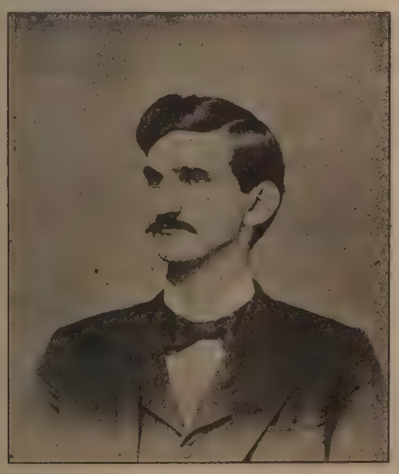
26, 1891. He attended short hand school a while and in August of that year entered the law office of Bailey & Bailey as stenographer, remaining in that position until March 6, 1894, when he was appointed Official Stenographer for Putnam, Henry, and Fulton counties, which position he still holds.

GEORGE W. RISSER.

George W. Risser was born on a farm near Pandora, Ohio, October 30, 1868 He is the oldest son of David and Margaret (Krohn) Risser, of Riley Township. His boyhood days were spent on the beautiful farm owned by his father, where he



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learned those traits of industry and character so necessary for a young man to possess. He attended school in the country until eighteen years of age, afterwards attending school at Ada, Cleveland, and Delaware, where he graduated in the Science of Accounts and Penmanship. He taught three years in the meantime in order to assist himself in securing an independent education.

In October, 1891, he entered the Cincinnati Law School and graduated from that institution May 31, 1893. He was admitted to the practice of law, June 1, 1893, and afterwards spent two years in the law office of A. V. Watts, of Ottawa, Ohio.

On January 1, 1895, he opened a law office over the Bank of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ohio.

HON. W. W. SUTTON,
Attorney-at-Law, Ottawa, Ohio.

STANSBURY SUTTON.

Stansbury Sutton was born in Huron county, Ohio, September 13, 1816, and settled on what was known as the "Ottawa Green," on April 13, 1833, and from that time until the date of his death. February 5, 1879, remained a resident of Putnam county, Ohio.

Shortly after his arrival, his father, Moses Sutton, entered of the government the land adjoining the town of Ottawa and now known as the Godfrey farm, where he remained with his father until twenty years of age. After that he left the farm, going to Gilboa, and took up the occupation of mill-wright, under Elisha Stout. In the year of 1838 he was married at Gilboa, Ohio, to Jerusha Wickham, and shortly after his marriage entered, in a

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small way, into a general store conducted in the eastern portion of the town, and adjoining what was known as the McClure Hotel. He continued in that business until about the year of 1850, his quarters becoming too small he then constructed a larger building, known as the Sutton, now the McClure building. In his business transactions he gained the confidence of the people and was by them, in the fall of 1851, elected treasurer of the county. Closing out his dry goods business in the fall of 1852, he moved to Kalida, Ohio, where he served as treasurer for four years. During the time he was treasurer he assisted in the various county offices and also took up the study of the law with James McKenzie, then an attorney at Kalida, Ohio, and afterwards judge of the Common Pleas Court of this district. At the expiration of his term of office in 1857, he removed to Gilboa, Ohio, and again entered upon the mercantile business, forming a partnership with Simon Maple, under the firm name of Sutton & Maple. This he continued, together with practice of the law, until the winter of 1866–67, when the firm sold out their business, Mr. Maple going to Columbus Grove and Mr. Sutton to Ottawa, Ohio, to which place he finally moved on the 7th day of November, 1867, and entered upon the practice of the law exclusively. Shortly after his arrival at Ottawa, Ohio, formed a law partnership with Judge Thomas, under the firm name of Sutton & Thomas, which continued to the time of his death.

In the fall of 1870 he was elected Prosecutor of the county, which office he held until January, 1877. In the spring of 1876 he was appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the county its treasurer to fill the vacancy occurring by the death of William McClure, he being succeeded in that office by N. H. McCracken.

Probably no man in the county was held in higher respect and esteem than the subject hereof. While his qualifications as a speaker to a jury were not of the best, but by reason of his hon-

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esty in all matters, and the confidence had in him by the people of the county there were none at the bar more successful than he. He was alive to all public improvements, assisting the same by his time and means in all ways possible. Owing to the lack of educational advantages received by himself, he was more especially interested in the cause of education, contributing to this much of his time, serving as member of the Board of Education of Ottawa School district a number of years and up to and including the date of his death. His remains are interred at the Harmon cemetery in this county, where also lie those of his wife, Jerusha Sutton, who died on the 6th day of April, 1884.

HON. T. J. SWEENEY.

Mr. Sweeney was elected mayor of Ottawa, Ohio, in 1890, and the people have shown their appreciation of his services in that official capacity by re-electing him to this position, which he now holds, from time to time.

He was born in 1851, at Wheeling, West Virginia, of Scotch-Irish ancestors. He received his early education at Wheeling and completed it at West Alexandria Academy. After leaving school he was engaged with his father in the manufacturing of glass, brick and iron.

He was elected County Commissioner of his county but resigned that office in 1882 and came to Ottawa, and was connected with Ramey & Co., in which firm he remained until June, 1889.

His father came to America in 1828 and lived awhile in Baltimore and Philadelphia, finally settling in Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1836, where he remained until his death. He married Miss Mary J. Redmond, of Philadelphia, who came to this country from the northern part of Ireland. There were born to this union ten children of whom three died in infancy. The

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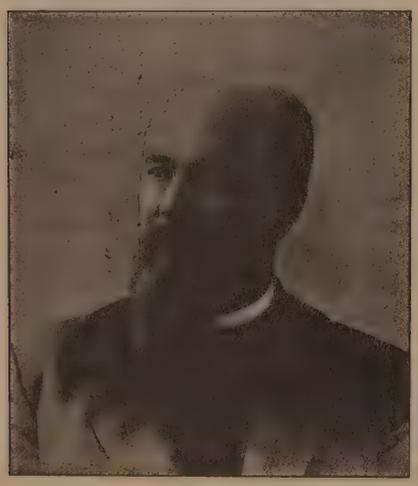
eldest, Margaret, and her sister Mary, are now living at Ottawa with their brother, the subject of this sketch. James W., major of the 36th brigade confederate cavalry, died at Ottawa, Ohio, in 1883. Robert E. was an attorney at law; he died at Martin's Ferry in 1886. Sarah C. (Sweeney) Rissell died at Sistersville, West Virginia. Lucy A., wife of Hon. O. B. Ramey, who lived for several years at Ottawa, Ohio, but is now living at Sistersville, West Virginia.



DR. C. E. BEARDSLEY.

Dr. C. E. Beardsley, Physician and Surgeon, Ottawa, Ohio.

DAVID R. JENKINS.

David R. Jenkins was born in Lima, Allen County, Ohio, September 28, 1844, where he lived until enlisting in the army in 1861 as a member of the 27th Regiment, Co. I.

Mr. Jenkins was taken prisoner at Little Blue River, Missouri, paroled the same day, and discharged December 23, 1861. Re-enlisted July 22, 1862, as a member of the 99th Ohio, Co. B. He was at Perryville, Ky., but his company was not engaged.

His next engagement was Stone River, Tenn., where his company did excellent service, and in every subsequent battle of the great army of the Cumberland. Mr. Jenkins was twice wounded in the battle of Stone River. He was absent one year from effect of wounds.

Mr. Jenkins stood with his company in the front ranks, and gives to posterity acts of heroism of which they may well be proud. He remained in the army until rebellion's last gun was fired, and received an honorable discharge June 25, 1865.

In 1882 Mr. Jenkins located at Ottawa, Ohio, and engaged in the stove and tin business, a business he has made successful and popular with a large class of customers. And after a continuous business career of thirteen years he still conducts, with increased popularity, his famous store.

W. RENWICK MOFFITT.

W. Renwick Moffitt, Dentist. Office over Bank of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ohio.

DR. A. L. PAUL.

Dr. A. L. Paul was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1848; attended the Public Schools at Royalton, Ohio, also at Findlay, Ohio. Took an academic course at Greenfield Academy, then entered the Miami University where he took a partial course.

A. L. PAUL.

Attended the medical department of the Miami University and received his medical degree from the Long Island Medical College, New York. Located in Ottawa, Ohio, in 1875, where he has continued in the practice of his profession.

WILLIAM ANNESSER.

In January, 1879, Mr. Annesser commenced operating the Ottawa Flouring Mills, and has ever since conducted this business successfully. He finds ready consumers for nearly all of his products within the county and is not compelled to seek a foreign market.

He uses in his mills the Roller Process and a new bolting system known as the Plansiefter Bolting Process. His mills are operated by five men and have a capacity of one hundred barrels every twenty-four hours. Mr. Annesser also deals in all kinds of grain as well as flour and feed.

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At a called meeting December 6, 1886, at A. V. Rice & Co's. bank at 7 p. m., there were present Dr. C. M. Godfrey, S. Slauson, A. Fipp, N. E. Matthews, L. L. Parker, J. H. Drerup, J. H. Uphaus, Theo. Verhoff, Jos. Nienberg, Wm. Rampe, Jr., N. H. McCracken, Geo. D. Kinder, W. W. Sutton, Wm. Verhoff, I. W. Larkworthy and S. F. De Ford. L. L. Parker was called to the chair and N. E. Matthews was elected secretary. Articles of incorporation were drawn up and subscriptions subsequently taken at Slauson & De Ford's Bank. December 11, 1886, five directors, consisting of L. L. Parker, S. F. De Ford, N. E. Matthews, J. Neinberg and A. Fipp, were elected. December 15, 1886, the Board of Directors met and organized by

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the election of S. F. De Ford, president, and L. L. Parker, secretary and treasurer. This constituted the permanent organization. At a subsequent meeting a system of by-laws were adopted and F. M. Ackerman employed as butter maker at a salary of $40 per month. This amount was increased from time to time until he now receives $65 per month and is now the general manager of the company, Six routes were mapped out and teams sent out daily to bring in cream. This number was afterward increased to nine routes during the busy season, and covers a territory with a radius of from eight to ten miles. The output of the factory the first year was 50,000 pounds, and the cost of cream, labor and supplies for the same period was $11,740. In the year 1888, 56,800 pounds of butter were made and marketed. In 1889, $1,200 were invested in hogs, and the net profit to the company from this source was $211. In 1891 the creamery produced 92,596 pounds of butter, averaging nearly 2,000 pounds per week, which found a ready sale in local and eastern markets, at times the local demand being greater than the company could supply. This shows a very healthy condition to the plant and also that F. M. Ackerman was evidently the right man in the right place.

On December 11, 1891, the creamery building, with most of its contents, was destroyed by fire. This was a heavy loss to the company, as it was only partly covered by insurance. The company took immediate steps to rebuild, appointing J. H. Drerup, F. M. Ackerman and L. L. Parker a committee on building and improvements. In less than a week the cream gatherers were sent out again, an ice house adjoining the creamery having been fitted up to use until the new building could be completed. By May, 1892, the present handsome, and commodious structure was ready for occupancy, supplied with all the latest and most approved pieces of machinery—a new 15 horse-power Brownell boiler, a 12 horse-power Atlas engine, one 400 gallon churn, one 300 gallon churn, three 300 gallon cream vats, a Mason power butter worker with a capacity of 100 pounds of butter in five minutes, and a complete set of test tubes so that every patron will receive pay for every ounce of butter that his cream will produce.

Semi-annual dividends have been declared from year to year after the first two years, and at this writing the Clover Creamery Company's stock will sell at par in the open market anywhere. This is largely due to the efficient management of Mr. Ackerman, who has held his position continuously since the organization. The present Board of Directors consists of Jos. Neinberg, N. E. Matthews, Theo. Verhoff, J. H. Uphaus and F. M. Ackerman, with N. E. Matthews, president, and F. M. Ackerman, secretary and treasurer. The authorized capital stock of the company is $10,000, the amount subscribed is $5,550, and the total cost of plant and improvement is $6,000.

Since 1893 an additional feature has been added—that of collecting eggs along the cream routes by the cream haulers for shipment. The surplus is also bought from the stores of Ottawa and shipped in crates to New York. Cash is paid weekly for eggs and monthly for cream. This enterprise puts money into the hands of the farmers' wives with the least labor to them instead of being compelled to cart their produce to town and be compelled to trade it out at the stores, often taking goods not really needed in the household, as was the custom before the creamery came.

For the success of this enterprise much credit is due Mr. L. L. Parker, who until his death, May 28, 1894, was one of the heaviest stock-holders, devoting most of his time, as health would permit, since retiring from the County Treasurer's office, to its upbuilding.

F. M. ACKERMAN

F. M. Ackerman was born at Bryan, Ohio, December 25, 1858, son of Caleb and Lydia Ackerman. He is of German extraction, his grand parents emigrating to Pennsylvania from Germany in the early part of the present century, and afterwards removing

F. M. ACKERMAN.

to Ohio. At the age of seven his parents moved from Bryan to a farm in Fulton County, where the subject of this sketch grew to manhood, attending the district school and the village school at Fayette, Ohio.

In 1879 he taught his first term of school in his home district. As soon as the term closed he took up his studies in the Normal school at Valparaiso, Ind., alternating teaching and attending school until 1884. In the meantime he took the commercial course, graduating in 1882; also the scientific course. He withdrew from the latter course to accept the principalship of the Archibald Schools, which position he held one year.

On January 31, 1884, he was married to Cora A. Wightman, of Chicago, Ill., the elder daughter of L. E. and Sarah Wightman. Shortly after their marriage they began housekeeping on the farm in Fulton County, Ohio, where Mr. Ackerman followed farming for three years, teaching a term or two in the old district school during the winter.

In the spring of 1887 he took a position with the Clover Creamery Company of Ottawa, O., and moved to Ottawa. Since that time he has remained in their employ, serving as butter maker and clerk to that of general manager and is now the secretary and treasurer of the company.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman have been born four children, all of whom are living: Ethel Mae, Lyman Ernest, Genevieve Sarah, and Caleb Franklyn.

Politically, Mr. Ackerman is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party, and fraternally is a member of the Masonic and K. of P. bodies—being the present S. D. of Ottawa Lodge No. 325 F. and A. M., and the C. C. of Ottawa Lodge No. 565 K. of P. of Ottawa, Ohio.

HON. SAMUEL S. BACON.

Judge Bacon was born July 11, 1833, in Licking county, Ohio, and when but three years old was brought by his father, George Bacon, to Putnam county where he located on a farm near Gilboa. Judge Bacon's boyhood days were spent upon a farm, attending the common school and helping with the farm work. As he grew to a suitable age he engaged in the work of teaching, having taught in the public schools of Gilboa, Pendleton (now Pandora) and in the country districts for five years.

He was married March 16, 1858, to Miss Emeline H. Stewart, a native of Huntington county, Pennsylvania, where she was born August 28, 1835. The year after his marriage, in the spring of 1859, Judge Bacon settled in Gilboa and engaged in mercantile business, continuing so engaged for about five years. He was appointed postmaster at Gilboa in the same year. He served the people of Blanchard township as justice of the peace for two terms of three years each.

In the fall of 1870 he removed to Ottawa and became interested in the purchase and shipment of live stock and followed

SAMUEL S. BACON.

that business until the spring of 1878. In the fall of that year he was elected Probate Judge of Putnam county, and re elected in the fall of 1881. In 1885 he retired from that position and engaged in the drug business, in which he is still interested. He

served as mayor of Ottawa for one year to fill a vacancy caused by the death of John H. Gordon.

Judge and Mrs. Bacon have but one child living, Mrs. Gertrude Paul (Bacon) Robenalt, who was born January 4, 1871, and on the 18th day of March, 1891, was married to Alton R. Robenalt.

Judge Bacon is, and for very many years has been, a member and one of the ruling elders of the First Presbyterian church of Ottawa. His life as a conscientious teacher, a capable, efficient and faithful official and a successful business man marks Judge Bacon as one of the representative men of Putnam county.

JOSEPH R. BEACH.

The accompanying is a cut of the handsome and commodious livery barn of Joseph R. Beach, of Ottawa, Ohio. He is a son of and successor to H. F. Beach, the well known liveryman of Ottawa, who came to the county in 1866. The present brick

J. R. BEACH'S LIVERY STABLE.

structure was erected in 1886, and is thirty feet wide and one hundred and sixty-five feet long.

Mr. Beach was born in Licking county, Ohio, in 1865, and came to this county with his parents in 1866, where he has lived ever since, and by correct business habits has fully identified himself with the business interests of Ottawa.

H. & C. BRINKMAN.

The above firm name represents Henry J. Brinkman and Charles E. Brinkman, sons of Andrew Brinkman, of the well known firm of Brinkman Brothers, wagon and carriage manufacturers, of Ottawa, Ohio

These promising young business men were born and raised in Ottawa, and received their education in the Union Schools of this town. They commenced their mercantile career in the grocery business, handling fancy and staple groceries, August 14, 1895, in the room one door east of the Bank of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ohio.

J. W. BROWN.

The individual whom it is the purpose of this sketch to represent was born in the beautiful little city of Maumee, on the banks of the historic river bearing that name, thirty-six years ago. In 1861 his parents moved to Swanton, Ohio, and there our subject passed the years of childhood.

In 1878 his ambition led him in search of a broader field where he could cope with the vicissitudes of life with a chance to win on a meritorious basis.

In that year he located in Ottawa and entered the store of O. B. Kamey & Co. as a clerk, which position he held for four years with credit to himself and his employers.

He next entered the employment of C. A. Lockhart & Co, continuing with them until 1886, when he formed a partnership with Col. L. J. Hissong, of Fostoria, and at the early age of twenty-seven years began the active management of one of the largest and most prosperous mercantile concerns ever conducted in Putnam county.

This partnership continued with unabated success until the 23d day of January, 1894, when it became painfully evident to the junior partner of the firm and to the friends of Col. Hissong that the life of the senior member was nearing its close.

On the above date Col. Hissong purchasd the interests of Mr.

J. W. BROWN.

Brown to save him the loss that would necessarily follow the administratorship required to settle his estate.

In a few days the expected end to the busy life of Col Hissong came, and upon the settlement of his estate during August of the same year, Mr. Brown purchased the entire interests of the famous store of Brown & Hissong and assumed its sole management.

The store is located in the McCracken block, on the northeast corner of Walnut and Main-Cross streets, where a spacious room is filled with the best line of dry goods, carpets, notions and groceries that the markets of the world afford, and the purchasing or investigating public will find the genial proprietor and his splendid corps of clerks ever ready to accommodate their most intricate wants.

Mr. Brown's business views are broad and practical, his honor unquestioned, and his increasing desire is to please and satisfy his friends and customers. As a citizen he stands on the highest plane, commanding the respect of all the people of this prosperous town.

As a business man he holds the confidence of all who know him, and as a merchant he has stamped the assurance of success to his every act, and ranks fitly among the foremost merchants of his state.

O. H. ODELL.

In May, 1894, Mr. Odell commenced business in the line of staple and fancy groceries in the Beardsley & DeFord block, Ottawa, Ohio.

Mr. Odell was born September 23, 1853, in Lorain county, Ohio. His mother dying when he was but one year old he was adopted by his aunt, Mrs. Hopkins, of Huron county, Ohio, who lived on a farm, where he spent his boyhood days working and attending a country school regularly.

At the age of eighteen he started out in life for himself, following farming until 1871. He then commenced railroading as station agent on the W. & L. E. railroad at Brighton Station, Lorain county, Ohio. Soon after he left this place to take a clerkship for the same road at Wellington, Ohio, where he remained one year, when he accepted a position with the C. C. C. & St. L. road as chief clerk. Here he remained sixteen months, thence taking the agency of the W. & L. E., C. & M., and Valley railways at Valley Junction, Tuscarawas county, Ohio. Here he remained three years when he went into the train service for the W. & L. E. road, remaining in this service about eight months. He then took the agency for the C. H. & D. road at Ottawa, Ohio, remaining there four years, when he accepted the General Passenger and Freight agency for the F., Ft. W. & W. road. This position he held for several months, when he was appointed Superintendent and Treasurer of this line, which position he held about one year, when he entered his present business.

W. W. KELLY.

We have the pleasure of representing in this sketch one of the oldest and most successful men in business in Putnam county. Mr. W. W. Kelly, druggist and book-dealer, was born on a farm near Lewisburg, Pa., December 29, 1839. He learned pharmacy and in 1861 located in Ottawa county this State, where he entered into the drug business, continuing five years, when he moved to Putnam county, Ohio, locating at Ottawa.

Engaging at once in the drug business and remaining in that

W. W. KELLY.

business until the present date, a period of twenty-nine years, distinguishes him as the oldest continuous druggist in the county and ranks him among a very few merchants who have followed business that length of time.

Mr. Kelly has served four terms in the council of Ottawa and has been a member of the school board of his town two terms. He was one of the chief promoters in the organization of, and was the first president of the Ottawa Building and Loan Association.

The firm of W. W. Kelley conducts two stores—a drug store and a book store, and in these lines handles every article salable to his trade.

THE OTTAWA HOME AND SAVING ASSOCIATION.

Authorized Capital $1,000,000. Organized July 28, 1888. Directors: Geo. D. Kinder, President; F. H. Brockman, Vice President; Geo. C. Williams, Geo. D. Hamden, Calvin P. Godfrey, Committee on Securities; O. H. Odell, H. W. Schmitschulte. E. R. Eastman, Secretary; Wm. C. G. Krauss, Attorney; John F. Cover, Treasurer.

The purpose of this association is two fold. It is an institution in which people may deposit their savings in small sums and receive a fair rate of profit thereon and enjoy the satisfaction of absolute safety. The Secretary and Treasurer are under heavy bonds, and all officers are amenable to the State under the criminal law, to secure good faith. The money is loaned in small sums and the most rigid rules enforced for the protection of all concerned. No very large loss is possible in any one place and a large fund has accumulated and is set aside according to law to protect depositors from loss. The payments are easy for persons of small means who desire to secure homes. The actual assets, consisting of mortgages on real estate, loans secured by paid up stock of the association, and cash, are $120.-

000, in round figures. Fire insurance is taken as collateral security on all buildings upon which loans are made.

PLAN OF WORKING.

A depositor is required to pay no share fees. A pass book or stock certificate costs 25 cents, and upon that he may carry 20 shares of either $100 or $500 each, and thereafter pay dues on book or running stock at the rate of 25 cents per $100 per week. Paid up stock is sold at its par value in cash and requires no additional payments. Dividends are paid semi-annually on the second Monday of January and July.

Any stockholder may become a borrower by making a loan on stock upon which there is more money paid than will equal the amount loaned, or a mortgage loan on property approved by the committee on securities. The borrower pays for the examination of the property and the title thereto, and for the making and recording of the mortgage, but these expenses are low.

There are no salaried officers except the Secretary, and his salary is regulated by the directors from time to time as the necessity of the association requires.

The borrower may pay any sum he desires and will be allowed dividend thereon from the day of payment, or he may pay $100 or any multiple thereof, and have a corresponding number of shares canceled and thereby stop interest. A problem worked out shows that the interest and premium together, on a loan upon which dues are regularly paid, after credit is given for dividends, amount to less than 7 per cent.

This institution, like all others of its class, prompts people to save money and teaches systematic business habits, and hence exercises a wholesome influence in the community.

Since the organization nearly 400 loans have been made, many persons enabled to purchase and build homes, and investors have received a fair profit on their money.

HISTORY.

Since the organization Mr. W. W. Kelly, the first president of the association, retired from the Board of Directors and Mr. Samuel Slauson was elected successor, and on the retirement of Mr. Slauson, the second president, Mr. Kinder was elected president, which position he now occupies. W. H. Loy retired from the Board of Directors upon his removal from Ottawa, and Andrew Bruon was elected his successor, but owing to other engagements he refused a second election and O. H. Odell was chosen to succeed him. Upon the retirement of Mr. Slauson, Calvin P. Godfrey was elected to the office of director, and afterward placed upon the committee to examine securities, by President Kinder. Upon the retirement of John F. Cover from the Board, Mr. H. W. Schmitschulte was elected his successor, and at the election for 1895 Mr. Cover was elected Treasurer to succeed N. E. Matthews, who had faithfully served in that capacity from the date of organization. In the organization and management no notion of personal gain has ever actuated the officers. On the contrary they have rendered their valuable services freely for the good of the society until it has become a most potent factor for public good.

The Board of Directors meets every Monday evening at the office of Krauss & Eastman where the Secretary's office is kept and where, during all business hours, some competent person is ready to receive dues and transact business.

Information is furnished at the office free of charge on all matters pertaining to the workings of the association. The progress of the association is shown as follows:

The assets at the end of the first five months' business were $3,635.15; the second term, six months, $9,599.91; the third term, six months, July, 1890, $14,318.02; at the end of the year 1890, $25,276.82; at the end of the year 1891, $47,241.74; at the end of the year 1892, $89,402.14; at the end of the year 1893, $104.496.45; at the end of the year 1894, $110,951.57.

HERMILLER BROTHERS.

This reliable firm is represented by Joseph Hermiller, Jr., and John B. Hermiller. They deal extensively in all kinds of grain, flour, feed, sewer pipe, coal, lime and cement.

In 1884 Joseph Hermiller, Sr., and his son Joseph, of the above firm, commenced business at the place where the brothers now are located. On May 1, 1893, Frank Hermiller bought his

HERMILLER BROTHERS.

father out. He remained in the firm until his death, May 26, 1894. Soon after John B. Hermiller took his brother's place in the present firm.

The brothers are here to stay, they both having been born and reared in the county. Their interests are identified with Ottawa and Putnam county. Joseph, the senior member of the firm, served on the village council of Ottawa and held other positions of trust with credit to himself and to the people whom he represented.

CLINTON S. CARR.

Mr. Carr, dealer in groceries and provisions, commenced business April 1, 1895, in the Simon block, Ottawa, Ohio. Having been connected with the grocery business about twelve years and several years in the hardware and clothing business as a clerk, together with his genial nature, he possesses the experience and those traits of character necessary to success in a business enterprise.

He was born April 3, 1866, in Delaware county, Ohio. His father, H. C. Carr, moved to Ottawa in 1872. He received his education in the Ottawa schools.

THE BEE HIVE STORE.

This building was erected in 1894 by W. S. and T. C. Hipkins, doing business under the firm name of Hipkins & Bro.

THE BEE HIVE.

The building is thirty five feet wide, one hundred feet long, two stories high, with basement.

The entire building is occupied by Hipkins & Bro., in which they handle Dry Goods, Carpets, Groceries, etc.

ALEXANDER BECKMAN.

Mr. Beckman was born September 26, 1869, in the prosperous village of Ottoville, this county. He came of that sturdy and progressive German Catholic parentage which has so marked the progress of Putnam county in different localities and diffused to their posterity the elements of success.

In 1879 Mr. Beckman moved with his parents to Ottawa, and for ten years following ably assisted his mother, Mrs. Catharine Beckman, in the successful management of the Beckman House, and also in the numerous other enterprises which that lady engaged in and which has given her the reputation of being the possessor of one of the best business minds in the county.

In 1890 the subject of this sketch engaged in the jewelry busi-

ALEXANDER BECKMAN.

ness at Ottawa, and presented to the business interests of that town one of her most enterprising and reputable concerns. He has continued in the same business to the date of this writing, and we advise all visitors to Ottawa not to neglect a call in his store, first door east of A. V. Rice & Co's. bank, and there you will find one of the most complete and best selected stocks of jewelry and silverware, as well as one of the most affable and painstaking merchants.

Mr. Beckman was married October 24, 1893, to Miss Mary E. Grise, of Putnam county, and to them a son, Edward Joseph, was born October 18, 1894.

G. C. WILLIAMS.

G. C. Williams, of Ottawa, Ohio, has the largest lumber yard in Putnam county, and constantly keeps on hand all necessary building materials, kept by lumbermen, for the construction of buildings and is not undersold by any one in material of like quality. He guarantees all lumber and material as represented and will offer only such lumber and material as he can represent to hold paint and serve the purpose of the builder with satisfactory durability.

Persons contemplating building will do well to see Mr. Williams and get his prices.

JOHN J. ZELLER.

Mr. Zeller was born at Gilboa, in this county, November 7, 1842. He was the son of Andrew and Catharine Zeller. His father was one of the unfortunates of the cholera epidemic which swept away so many of the early citizens of Gilboa in 1852. He was educated in the common schools at Gilboa until he was sixteen years of age. He attended one term at common school in Livingstone county, Illinois, after which he taught school in Piatt county, in the same State, returning to Gilboa in December, 1861. In the spring of 1862, at the age of twenty years, in response to the call of President Lincoln for volunteers, he enlisted in the 85th O. V. I., and with several companies of that regiment was subsequently transferred to the 87th Ohio under the command of Col. Henry B. Banning, and with the regiment was stationed at Harper's Ferry, Va. He was appointed clerk to the regimental commissary—Lieutenant Bailes Carter. He was taken prisoner at that place immediately after the battle of Antietam in the fall of 1862, and was discharged with the regiment at Camp Delaware, October 1, 1862, at the expiration of his term of service. Upon being mustered out he returned to Gilboa where he remained until 1864, when he was married to Miss Eliza A. Ashenfelter. To this union there was born—William S., October 8, 1865; Nellie Kate, December 31, 1870, deceased; Mary A., January 6, 1874; George Frederick, June 29, 1876; Ralph Ashenfelter, November 24, 1878. For the two following years he was engaged in the mill of his father-in-law,

J. J. ZELLER.

which was situated on the Blanchard river a mile or so below Gilboa, after which he went into the drug business at Gilboa.

He served the public faithfully between that time and 1878 as Justice of the Peace, Mayor of Gilboa, Member of the Board of Education, and other offices. In the fall of 1878 Mr. Zeller was elected Clerk of the Courts of Putnam County, and on December 26th of that year removed with his family to Ottawa, commencing his official duties on February 9, 1879, serving in that capacity until 1885, having been re-elected in 1882. While he held that position he introduced into the office the admirable system of records and filings which so commended itself by its accuracy and the extent to which it facilitated the work of those who had occasion to make searches therein, that it has been followed by his successors and is still in use in the office. Shortly after retiring from office of Clerk he was appointed postmaster at Ottawa, a position which he filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people for four years and eight months.

In 1889, at the close of his term as postmaster, Mr. Zeller formed a partnership in the insurance business with his son, W. S. Zeller, in which partnership he still retains his interest. In 1891 he was appointed statistical clerk in the office of the State Commissioner of Common Schools, his family remaining in Ottawa while he worked in Columbus, in which position he was employed for a year. Upon the appointment of Gen. A. V Rice as pension agent for the Ohio Agency he selected Mr. Zeller for an important clerkship in that agency, which position he still holds. Although while engaged in his present position he has a portion of his family with him temporarily in Columbus, yet Mr. Zeller has never given up his citizenship in Putnam county, retaining his rights as an elector at Ottawa and never failing to be present and exercise his rights as such.

A brainy, energetic workingman, of genial, kindly nature and of pleasant address; the continued persistency with which his neighbors and fellow citizens have selected him to transact their business as a public officer shows that it was his strict integrity and the marked capability with which he performed the duties assigned to him which have caused these honors to be thrust upon him.

W. S. ZELLER.

Mr. Zeller was born on a farm near the old Ashenfelter mill, in Blanchard township, Putnam county, Ohio, on October 8, 1865. He received his education in the Ottawa schools, graduating from the High School of Ottawa in the class of 1885. He was appointed Railway Postal clerk under Cleveland. He was the first postal clerk on the Narrow Guage Railroad running from Delphos to Carey, but was soon thereafter transferred to the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad, where he remained for two years and nine months.

W. S. ZELLER

He was married to Miss Ella Hagenbaugh Musser, of Dayton, Ohio, December 17, 1890. They have one child, Anna Thomas Zeller, born September 19, 1891.

He went into the Loan and Insurance business with his father, J. J. Zeller, on February 20, 1889 and has continued in that vocation ever since. In 1894 Mr. Zeller wrote more insurance than all the other agencies of Putnam county combined.

They represent the following list of companies:

Home of New York.
Phœnix of Hartford, Connecticut.
National of Hartford, Connecticut.
Connecticut of Hartford, Connecticut.
Milwaukee Mechanics Insurance Co., of Milwaukee, Wis.
Firemans' Fund Insurance Co., of San Francisco, California.
Westchester Fire Insurance Co., of New York.
German Insurance Co., of Freeport, Illinois.
Columbia Insurance Co., of Dayton, Ohio
Commercial Insurance Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio.
Ohio Farmers' Insurance Co., of Leroy, Ohio.
Northern Assurance Co., of London.
London Assurance Corp., of London.
North British and Mercantile Insurance Co., of London and Edinburg.
Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.
John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Boston, Mass.
Preferred Accident Insurance Co., of New York.
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GILSON H. MOORE.

This enterprising and progressive young business man was born in Ottawa, Ohio, July 19, 1870, and is a son of Judge J. J. Moore, of that place.

He attended the public schools of his native town until fifteen years of age, when he entered Kenyon College, at Gambier, Ohio, and continued there until graduating in the scientific course. Later he graduated from the Mt. Union business college, at Alliance, Ohio.

Soon after his graduation at the latter place he returned to Ottawa, and in 1891 engaged in the clothing and gents' furnishing business, a business which he has successfully conducted since that time, and the genial young proprietor now finds himself in possession of the confidence and patronage of a large circle of friends and customers, and is triumphantly looking forward to an eminent plane of business success.

January 4, 1892, Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Laura Craig, of Ottawa, Ohio.

MOORE & MOORE,

Clothiers and Gents' Furnishers,

OTTAWA, OHIO.

The firm of Fox & Moore was organized in January, 1892, and continued until February, 1894 when Mr. Fox was succeded by Judge J. J. Moore, and under the firm name of Moore & Moore the establishment has now grown to be one of the leading mercantile concerns of Putnam County.

With the motto that good goods brings good customers, they have made it their special object to allow only goods of the highest standard and best makes to be sold in their store. This was at first a risk to the firm, but their constantly increasing patronage have proven their method a grand success.

Gilson Moore has the entire management of the great store, being ably assisted by J F. Day, a popular young gentleman who has been in the employ of the firm since its organization; and to the purchasing public we recommend in highest terms both proprietors and goods.

AMOS J. BANNING.

The subject of this sketch was born February 15, 1860, on a farm in Hardin county, Ohio. His parents removed to Kenton, Ohio, when he was four years of age, where he received his education.

At nineteen years of age he selected the tailoring trade for his life occupation, and after fitting himself to master all its arts he

followed it at various places until March, 1894, when he came to Ottawa, Ohio, and entered the employ of Moore & Moore in their tailoring department. He continued in their employ until April 20, 1895, when in partnership with Mr. Howard W. Acker they purchased the tailoring department of Moore & Moore.

Mr Banning was married in September, 1895, to Miss Clara Anselman.

BANNING & ACKER,

Merchant Tailors

OTTAWA, OHIO,

WITH MOORE & MOORE.

In the spring of 1895, Howard Acker and Amos J. Banning formed a partnership and purchased the Tailoring Department of the famous store of Moore & Moore, and under the firm name of Banning & Acker they conduct one of the leading merchant tailoring concerns of Northwestern Ohio. Their motto is "Good goods, well made, on time when agreed." This principle always holds good at their place of business.

HOWARD W. ACKER.

Mr. Acker was born August 1, 1870, at Lehighton, Carbon county, Pennsylvania.

He attended the public schools of his native town until nineteen years of age, when he graduated. During his school days he spent his leisure moments in learning the tailor trade which he followed in his eastern home until 1892, when he moved to

Ottawa, Ohio, and on April 4th of that year engaged with Fox & Moore, and on April 20, 1895, Mr. Acker formed a partnership with Amos J. Banning, and under the firm name of Banning & Acker they purchased the tailoring department of his old employer, and at this writing are conducting a very successful business at the old stand.

Mr. Acker was married on February 15, 1894, to Miss Zella Priest.

B. F. POPE.

H. CRAWFIS.

BENJAMIN F. POPE.

Benjamin F. Pope was born in Blanchard township, Putnam county, Ohio, May 22, 1838.

Mr. Pope was raised on a farm and has long ranked as one of Putnam county's most successful farmers, and was a Union soldier in the rebellion.

He was married November 12, 1863, to Angeline Stewart, of this county, and as a result of this marriage five children have been born: Ella, now Mrs. James Edwin Pierman, was born November 4, 1864; Vina, now Mrs. John C. Agner, born June 1, 1866; Fenelon F., born May 10, 1869; Agnes, born March 1, 1874; Byron W., born August 10, 1875.

Mr. Pope continued farming, stock raising, and stock dealing until 1894, when he moved to Ottawa, and on February 4, 1895, he formed a partnership with Mr. Crawfis, and entered into the furniture and undertaking business with the same energy and zeal that characterized his whole life.

This partnership still exists, and in the new Hauck Block, Ottawa, Ohio, may now be found a new and very successful furniture and undertaking establishment and two of Putnam county's most stable business men at the head of it.

HERMAN L. CRAWFIS.

Herman L. Crawfis was born on a farm in Putnam county, November 22, 1858; spent his youth on his father's farm and at the country schools.

On December 14, 1881, Mr. Crawfis was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Darling, of Putnam county. Mrs. Crawfis is a native of Putnam county, having been born on a farm, September 7, 1862. To Mr. and Mrs. Crawfis have been born a happy family of four children: Joel Dalby, born September 8, 1882; Earl D., born September 15, 1883; Ralph E., born October 6, 1885, died February 17, 1887; Julius Roy, born July 4, 1890.

Mr. Crawfis followed farming until 1891, when he moved to Ottawa and purchased the furniture and undertaking establishment of Henry Ayers.

He continued alone in this business until February, 1895, when he formed a partnership with Mr. B. F. Pope, and now under the firm name of Crawfis & Pope they conduct one of the most enterprising furniture and undertaking establishments in the county.

In October, 1895, they moved their stock into the new Hauck Block.

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My line will be found more complete than ever before. There is is but one cash and strictly one price Dry Goods House in Ottawa, and you should not make your purchases until you have visited this store First door east of Court House.

HENRY D. REAM.

The accompanying cut represents one of Putnam county's most successful business men. He was born January 1, 1850, in Canton, Starke county, Ohio, and fifteen years after he moved to Ada, Ohio, engaging in the saw mill and lumber business, remaining at that place until 1877, when he moved to Putnam county, locating at Ottawa, where, preceding his moving, he had purchased the Ottawa Manufacturing Co.'s plant and immediately assumed the management of the concern.

This company manufactured all kinds of sash, doors, turned work of every description, and in fact every article necessary to complete any building.

For the long period of eighteen years he has conducted this business so successfully as to establish it among the most successful business enterprises of the county. He also owns and manages two large farms near Hartsburg.

Mr. Ream was married May 16, 1871, to Miranda Gilbert, of Hardin county, and four children have been born to them: Harry C., born April 6, 1872; Alfred A., born July 26, 1874; Lillie L., May 16, 1878; Zelma Adelia, born March 6, 1895. His two sons ably assist him in the factory, and his eldest daughter is still at home.

In 1891 Mr. Ream reconstructed and remodeled his entire factory, and he now occupies the handsomest manufacturing building in the county.

A. V. RICE & CO., BANKERS,

OTTAWA, OHIO.

The Oldest Bank in Putnam County.

History of Ottawa Public Schools.

The history of Ottawa Public Schools would involve practically a history of the town. Ottawa was laid out, June, 1834, and the following winter witnessed the beginning of her school history. The schools passed through the usual vicissitudes of the formative stage, having for several years one school room only, when about the year 1862 two teachers were employed to teach the young idea how to shoot. In 1868 the West Union School building was erected at a cost of $15,000. This marked a great epoch in education. Prof. A. M. Brown (still a resident of this place) was employed to organize the school and put it upon the basis of a graded school, which he did, and to him Ottawa owes in a great measure its admirable system of graded schools. The Akron school law had been previously adopted, making the School Board to consist of six members with full power to adopt an extended course of study.

In 1870 J. Lee Gamble succeeded Prof. Brown as superintendent and remained in that capacity for one year. In the fall of 1871 S. F. DeFord was employed as superintendent, and four teachers were engaged. The course of study was somewhat changed. Chemistry, Trigonometry, Surveying, Geology, Zoology, Mental Philosophy and Logic being added to the course. The first class graduated in 1873 and consisted of eight members, viz: Julia Allen (first honor), Ralph Pugh (second honor), Ella Suayze, Mattie Slauson, Emma McBride, Zoe Godfrey, Jennie Long and Ella Brown.

Pupils graduated from the High School each succeeding year from 1873 to 1895, excepting 1875 and 1877. The whole number of Alumni at this date is one hundred and forty-four. In 1878 eight teachers were employed to supply the increasing school population. S. F. DeFord served as superintendent consecutively for fifteen years—from 1871 to 1886. In 1878 the Board appointed Hon. C. J. Swan, Dr. C. E. Tupper to act in conjunction with the superintendent in revising the course of study. The committee completed its work and made their report, which was unanimously adopted. Among the usual requirements of a course of study the course adopted required the pupil to attain 80 per cent in every branch. He must complete the full English branches; Latin was made elective; honors were conferred. The first given was for highest average per cent upon the branches studied and consisted of the valedictory address. The second was given to that pupil who had second highest per cent. and consisted of the salutatory address.

HONORS.

1873—Julia Allen, first; Ralph Pugh, second.
1874—Gertie A. Paul, first; Mary E. Holtz, second.
1876—Laura E. Holtz, first; C. G. Tupper, second.
1878—Nellie F. Tupper, first; Nettie Monroe, second.
1879—Delia Shoup, first; W. W. Sutton, second.
1880—Frank Light, first; Jennie Pugh, second.
1881—F. Bruce McGreevy, first; Cal. P. Godfrey, second.
1882—Lettie Tupper, first; Maurice Goetschius, second.

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1883—Julia Knowles, first; Charles Schierloh, second.
1884—Leroy A. Ellis, first; Anna Hayes, second.
1885—Winnie Light, first; Mary Beckman, second.
1886—W. E. Clippinger.
1887—Florence McClure, first; Mary Carr, second.
1888—Bertha Kraus, first; Charlotte Rice, second.
1889—Olive Nicewarner, first; Will A. Kelley, second.
1890—Grace Ward, first; Howard B. Row, second.
1891—Guy P. Long, first; John H. Lehmkuhl, second.
No honors given after 1891.

Many foreign pupils patronized the schools during S. F. DeFord's administration. He collected, classified and labeled over 1500 specimens of minerals, thus making an invaluable aid to the study of minerology, and likewise to geology. He also, by direction of the School Board, purchased about $1,000 worth of philosophical, physiological, chemical, mathematical and geographical apparatus and charts, thus equipping the school most thoroughly for all the ordinary demands of experiment and demonstration. I am not exagerating when I say that no school in Northwestern Ohio was better equipped for successful and thorough work than the Ottawa Public Schools.

C. C. Miller succeeded to the superintendency in the fall of 1886 and held the position for four years, during which time the schools maintained their high order of excellence. J. M. Hall followed as superintendent in 1890 and 1891. D. W. Tussing in 1892 and 1893. Geo. E. Nelson in 1894 and 1895. During all these years the school did excellent work and furnished graduates of whom the town may well feel proud.

During the years 1891-92 the magnificent East School building was erected at a cost of $35,000, and perhaps no finer structure for its size is to be found within the limits of the State. It is a splendid monument to the deep and abiding interest our people have in the cause of education.

At this writing the Board of Education consists of S. F. DeFord, president; D. W. Seitz, vice president; C. H. Rice, clerk; Dr. H. Huber, treasurer; James A. Cartwright, George D. Hamden. Geo. E Nelson as superintendent, and ten able and earnest teachers.

During the winter of 1894-95 Albert M. Austin, the High School teacher, inaugurated and put into active and practical operation a gymnasium, using the entire fourth story of the new building for that purpose. This constituted quite an addition to the educational spirit of the advanced grades.

I also have the great pleasure of placing in this brief historical sketch the magnificent contribution of our esteemed and honored friend, Dr. E. W. Dimmock, of Dupont, this county, to our already hondsome collection of mineralogical and archeological specimens. Dr. Dimmock has thus added to the wealth, the interest and the permanent benefit of the Ottawa High School by his extensive and widely diversified collection (which

was made by his own hands). The Board of Education, fully appreciating the gift, tendered the Doctor the freedom of the schools, provided a handsome case for the use and protection of the minerals and engrossed upon the journal of its proceedings a full statement of the donation and ordered it called the "Dimmock Collection."

In closing this brief statement I must again say that under the present management, with Prof. Nelson at the head, our schools bid fair to rank with the best schools in the State.

Another feature which will contribute greatly to the progress of the schools is the creation of a Local Board of School Examiners. The enumeration of school youth having reached the gratifying number of seven hundred and five, thus entitling the District to a Local Board of Examiners, consisting of G. E. Nelson, S. F. DeFord and J. P. Bailey.

S. F. DeFord.

OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The first annual reunion of the Alumni of the Ottawa High School was held at the residence of Dr. C. M. Godfrey on the evening of May 17, 1874. No regular programme was arranged for the occasion, yet the following was the order of the exercises:

After partaking of an excellent supper Miss Jennie Long, on the part of the class of '73, greeted the class of '74 by reading a poem and giving as a toast, "The Class of 1874." Miss Gertrude A. Paul, on the part of that class, responded and gave the second toast, "Our Generous Hosts, The Class of 1873."

This was responded to by Miss Julia Allen, who then gave, "The Board of Directors." Hon. D. I. Brown responded for the directors and called for Prof. S. F. DeFord, who responded in an earnest manner and gave the fourth toast, "The Parents of the Pupils of Ottawa Union Schools." Mr. J. L'H. Long responded to this toast.

This, with music, constituted the entertainment of the evening, which is endeared to the heart of every charter member. The success of the evening was so complete that the idea of permanent organization was conceived. Accordingly the two classes, with Prof. DeFord as leader, repaired to another room and then and there was organized the "Ottawa High School Alumni Association," which had for its aim the advancement of the cause of education, the promotion of good fellowship among those who had completed the Union School course, and for the advancement of literature in our midst. The constitution was signed by the following graduates as charter members:

Class of '73.—Misses *Julia Allen, Jennie Long, Emma McBride, Ella Brown, Zoe Godfrey, Ella Swayze, *Mattie Slauson; *Mr. Ralph Pugh.

Class of '74.—Misses Mary Rollins, Etta Knowles, Mellie Holtz, Gertrude A. Paul. Mr. Ralph Pugh was chosen President, Miss Gertrude Paul, Vice President.

Below is a list of all the members who have added their names to the roll up to 1895:

Class of '76.—Miss Laura Holtz, *Mr. Chas. G. Tupper.

Class of '78.—Misses Helen F. Tupper, Nettie Monroe, Clara McBride, Alice Knowles, Celia McBride; Mr. Chas. L'H. Long.

Class of '79.—Misses Francis Gallup, Delia Shoup, Elizabeth McGreevy, Nevada Shaffer, Nettie Williams; Messrs. Tupper L. Nicewarner, W. W. Sutton.

Class of '80.—Misses Lillian Gallup, Jennie Pugh, Ella Clohesey, Mae Conrady; Messrs. W. A. Kober, Frank Light.

Class of '81.—Misses Mattie Taylor, Dora Ewing; Messrs. Calvin P. Godfrey, T. L'H. Long, F. B. McGreevy.

Class of '82.—Miss Lettie Tupper; Messrs. M. P. Goetschius, C. O. Beardsley.

Class of '83.—Misses Julia Knowles, Sarah C. Knowles; Mr. Chas. A. Schierloh.

Class of '84.—Misses Anna Hayes, Emma Kelly, Etta Milliman, Jennie Gallup; Messrs. Clark H. Rice, Leroy A. Ellis.

Class of '85.—Misses Winnifred Light, *Mary Beckman, Laura E. Brooks, *Lizzie Frey, Agnes Long, Lizzie DeFord; Messrs. W. S. Zeller, B. F. Deniston, Frank Ewing, Ed. Beardsley.

Class of '86.—Misses Mary F. Stout, Carrie Light, Dora Flint, Luella Allen, Lizzie Berkmier, Emma Row, Ida Goetschius; Messrs. E. C. Tupper, C. B. Ward, *W. E. Clippinger.

Class of '87.—Misses Lizzie Brockman, May Carr, Florence McClure; Messrs. *Chester Galbreath, Mott Ewing, Clare G. Olney, Joel Spyker.

Class of '88.—Misses Zella D. Kinder, Cora Bennett, Ella Hauck, Bertha K. Krauss, Mazie Hauck, Charlotte Rice; Messrs. Guy C. M. Godfrey, Will W. Ward.

Class of '89.—Misses Myrtle Light, Iva Hamden, Mabel Wert, Olive Nicewarner, Mary Galbreath, *Cora V. Barr, Maude Merkley, Lida Powell, Zoe Allen; Messrs. Will A. Kelly, Chas. D. Beardsley, *Chas. E. Place.

Class of '90.—Misses Grace Ward, Laura Craig, Esse V. Hathaway, Katharine Rice, Junia Wright, Nannie Ludwig; Messrs. Ben Umverferth, H. B. Row, LeRoy Day.

Class of '91.—Misses Bertha Loy, Lillian Eastman; Messrs. John H. Lehmkuhle, Guy P. Long, Chas. G. Clippinger.

Class of '92.—Misses Marguerite Ford, Harriet Gallup, Carrie Brown, Nona Light, Carrie Loy, Marie Zeller; Messrs. John T. DeFord, John Gosling.

Class of '93.—Misses Lucy R. Bennett, Helen Sherrick, Edna G. Hathaway, Emma Knupp, Frances Shaw; Messrs. Herman Schmitschulte, Theodore Ludwig.

Class of '94.—Misses Blanche Knupp, Anna Straman, Della Wightman.

Class of '95.—Misses Amy Light, Lenore Rice, Ora Eastman, Zoe Brown, Esther Hornaday, Emma Brown, Zoe Kelly, Alice Hoskinson.

* Deceased.

Total number of members one hundred and thirty-eight, from which death has claimed ten. It was the custom to hold a banquet after each school commencement until the year '81, when it was decided to hold them biennially instead. It is unusual for an Alumni Association of a Union School to be in existence so long, but through the earnest endeavor of the one who was the father of the society, Prof. S. F. DeFord, it has been able to weather the storms which have of necessity arisen, and at the present time is a healthy, full grown association which has sent out from its numbers, lawyers, doctors, teachers, business men and women, and many others whose humbler walks in life are no less useful and honorable. May its future be as successful as the past.

Mrs. Gertrude A. Paul.
Class of '74

W. S. LENHART.

Mr. Lenhart was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, in the year 1837, and was brought by his parents to Hancock county when he was eleven years old. He lived in Hancock county until he reached man's estate, and was married in 1864 to Miss Matilda Hall, daughter of Jesse and Margaret Hall, pioneers of this county, who at the time of the marriage resided near Webster. There were born of this marriage three children, two of whom, the eldest, Mrs. Lulu (Lenhart) Reese and Miss Della Lenhart, are still living. The second child, a daughter, Nettie, died young. After his marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lenhart moved to Webster, in this county, and then to Columbus Grove, where he engaged in farming and shipping live stock; for three years of the time being also in the hardware business in the town.

Mr. Lenhart's correct business habits and his genial, pleasant character, coupled with the wide acquaintance which he had formed and many friends he had made by his strict integrity in his business dealings while traveling over the country in his stock business, caused him to be unamimously selected by his party as the Republican candidate for county treasurer in 1889, and the same reasons coupled with some internal dissensions in the opposite party made his candidacy successful, and he was in that year elected county treasurer by a small majority, overcoming an adverse majority which usually ran from 1700 to 1900. He adopted while in that office several improvements in the system in vogue under former treasurers, by which he was enabled to meet the rush of taxpayers usual as the time for taxpaying neared its close, and was thus enabled to spare the taxpayers

W. S. LENHART.

the annoying delays which they had been wont to experience. This system recommended itself to his successor and is still in use by him.

Mr. Lenhart is essentially a self made man. His opportunities for an early education were such only as could be offered by the not too perfect common schools of his day, and such as he was able to acquire by reading in the spare moments of an exceptionally busy life. He is one of the prominent men of the county as an intelligent, active and energetic citizen.

S. F. DE FORD.

Samuel Fletcher DeFord, the subject of this sketch, is the son of John and Matilda (Littell) DeFord, and was born May 2, 1836, in Carroll county, Ohio. His father and mother were of the Huguenot French decent. He is of a family noted for longevity, his grandfather, John DeFord, having lived to the age of 103 years, and his father, John DeFord, was 86 years old and his mother 81 years old when they died.

S. F. DeFORD.

Mr. DeFord's early life was spent on the farm and in attending the country schools. Later he entered Mt. Union College and graduated in the scientific course in 1858, and in the classic course in 1859.

He was married November 5, 1859, to Miss Mary V. Duncan, of Scotch descent, and has a family of five children, four girls

and one son. The oldest, Clara Duncan, was born January 2, 1861; M. Elizabeth, November 17, 1867; Mary A., July 18, 1869; John T., June 30, 1874, and Susan Fletcher, December 30, 1881, all of whom are living except the oldest.

Mr. DeFord's real life work has been that of teaching, and in this work he threw his whole soul and energies, working because of his love for the work, and for 27 years was continuously employed as superintendents of schools, beginning at Newton Falls and next at Monongahela City, in the state of Pennsylvania. He was next employed at St. Marys, Ohio, and from there to Celina, where he held the position of superintendent six years. In 1870 he took charge of the Maumee Seminary. In 1871 he was offered the superintendency of the Ottawa Union schools which he accepted and moved to Ottawa the same year. He occupied this position for 15 years, during which time he became fully identified with the school interest of Putnam county. Through his influence the Putnam County Teacher's Association was organized and for a number of years Mr. DeFord was one of the instructors at the annual sessions of the institute.

His influence for good is manifested in the high rank Putnam county has taken in the cause of education. To Mr. DeFord, perhaps more than to any other one man, is due the honor of having brought our county up to the present proud position occupied by our public schools.

In 1886 Mr. DeFord retired from school, and engaged with Samuel Slauson in the banking business, under the firm name of Slauson & DeFord. In 1888 the partnership was dissolved, Mr. DeFord retiring. Since that time he has devoted his time to his farms and financial interests.

He has held several elective offices. He was township treasurer of Lordston township, Trumbull county, Ohio; justice of the peace of Jefferson (Celina) township, Mercer county, and for four years coroner of Putnam county. He held the office of county school examiner three years in Mercer county and 17 years in Putnam county, and is at the present time president of the city board of examiners of Ottawa, Ohio. In 1894 he was elected a member of the Ottawa school board. He holds a life certificate from the State Board of School Examiners and is now president of the board. He was president of the Northwest Teacher's Association, also secretary of the County Examiner's Association of Ohio.

In politics he has always acted with the Democratic party.

In his church relations he is a Methodist, having been a member of that denomination for 45 years. He was licensed a local preacher in 1856, and ordained an elder in 1859. He has been elected lay delegate to every session of the annual conference since lay delegates were admitted.

Fraternally.—He is an Odd Fellow, having been initiated in 1858, and has filled all the chairs of that organization.

He became a Mason in 1880 and belongs to Ottawa Lodge No. 325, Ottawa Chapter No. 115, and Putnam Council No. 69, and is Past High Priest of the Chapter. He is also a member of The Royal Arcanum.

Mr. DeFord occupies a very pleasant home located on Second Street, Ottawa, and bids fair for many years of life and usefulness.

JOHN BEARD.

Mr. Beard was born September 18, 1830, in Fairfield county, Ohio. His father, John Beard, died in 1833 during that dreadful scourge of the cholera of that year. His mother, Mary (Carey) Beard, died in 1890 at the advanced age of nearly eighty-eight years.

His mother re-married in 1836 to a Mr. Allen. Mr. Beard lived with his mother until he was fifteen, going to school first at Hadley Corners one year, and afterwards at Reynoldsburg, Fairfield county, two years, and then at a place known as Seiver's Mills, on Blacklick creek of the same county. He went to school from two to three months each winter and assisted his step-father, Mr. Allen, in his mills the balance of the time.

At the age of fifteen he started out in life for himself, working on a farm by the month until he was twenty-five, when, on November 2, 1855, he was married to Mary C. Case.

There were born to this union two children—William H., who died in infancy, and Charles W., December 6, 1860.

Mr. Beard and his wife moved on what was known as the 'Squire Groves farm, in Greensburg township, Putnam county. He farmed during the summer and taught school in the winter until in 1865, when he sold his farm on account of the ill health

RESIDENCE OF JOHN BEARD.

of his wife and went back to Fairfield county, where in December of 1866 Mrs. Beard died.

Mr. Beard then, with his little boy, Charley, returned again to Putnam county and purchased a farm in Jennings township, farming and teaching school for four years. He married Mrs. Sophia J (Shank) Guyton, who was born February 15, 1840. To this marriage there was born six children—Christian S., born July 13, 1868; Lucy A., October 10, 1871; John F., December 25, 1872; Maggie, November 17, 1877; Ella, October 27, 1880, and Samuel S., December 23, 1882.

In 1872 Mr. Beard moved on the farm he now owns and on which he erected the substantial dwelling, of which we here give a cut. Besides clearing up and improving his farms, Mr. Beard has been one of the leading contractors in the county in road building and ditching.

That his neighbors have appreciated the ability and integrity of 'Squire Beard, as he is familiarly known, is attested by their calling upon him to serve them as Justice of the Peace twenty-seven years, and Land Appraiser in 1880, in Greensburg township, and one or two terms as Township Trustee, in Jennings township.

GEORGE C. WILLIAMS.

George C. Williams, a leading business man of Ottawa, is a native of Carroll county, Ohio, born September 19, 1845. His father, John Williams, also a native of Ohio, was of Welsh descent, and his mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Barkdoll, was descended from German ancestry. These parents were prominent members of the U. B. church and died at the ages of seventy-four and sixty-three, years respectively. They had a family of twelve children, nine of whom grew to maturity, viz.: Mary, deceased; Jane, widow of O. Meals; Sarah C., widow of James Meals; Amanda, wife of Henry Arnold; Maggie wife of John Kirk: Albert, deceased; Mahala, wife of Wm. Heffelmier, and Harriet, wife of Clark Ludwick.

George C. Williams was reared to farm life, and when but fourteen years old began the task of caring for himself, working as a farm laborer and coal miner. Being thrown upon his own resources at such an early age his educational advantages were, of necessity, somewhat limited, but always being a great reader, he has since amassed a store of valuable knowledge, and is now one of the well informed men of the community in which he resides. He not only supported himself when young, but contributed a portion of his meager earnings to the support of his father's family, and early learned the lessons of industry and economy by which his after life has been characterized.

GEORGE C. WILLIAMS.

Mr. Williams remained in his native county until seventeen years of age, when he came to Putnam County, locating two miles west of Columbus Grove, where he worked on a farm until entering the army in August, 1894. He entered the service in Company K, Fifth O. V. I., and was mustered out June 21, 1865, at Louisville, Ky., taking part in the meantime in the Atlanta campaign and Sherman's celebrated march to the sea. At the expiration of his term of service, Mr. Williams returned to Putnam County, and after spending one year with his parents learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed most successfully for a period of fourteen years. For some time he followed his chosen calling in the city of Toledo, where he was foreman for a large contracting firm, and in 1871 he removed to Columbus Grove, where he followed contracting and building until 1880, locating in the latter year at Ottawa, where he started a lumber yard, to which he has since given his attention. Mr. Williams has done a great deal of building in Ottawa and vicinity, and his lumber yard is the largest in the county. He keeps on hand a full stock of all kinds of building material, and is deservedly classed among the most successful and progressive business men of the city.

For many years Mr. Williams has been actively engaged in church and Sunday School work, and in 1889 made a tour of Europe as a delegate of the World's Sunday School Convention, which convened in the city of London in July of that year. He went as a State delegate and after transacting his business in the convention, visited the leading cities of the continent, among which were Paris, where he attended the world's exposition; Genoa, Italy; Pisa; the ruined cities of Pompei and Herculaneum; Rome, Florence, the principal points of interest in Switzerland, Germany, and Belgium; also Rotterdam, Holland; thence across the North Sea to England, spending a number of days in the great city of London. He spent spent some time in Scotland, visiting the Highlands and the important cities of that historic country; thence sailed to Ireland, making an extensive tour of the Emerald Isle, visiting its leading cities and other places of interest. A mere mention of the different points visited by Mr. Williams during this most interesting tour would tax the patience of the reader, but suffice it to state that he made intelligent observations in the different countries over which he traveled, and his descriptions of the same are given in the most interesting and charming manner to those with whom he conversed relative to his travels. Like his parents before him, Mr.

Williams subscribes to the creed of the U. B. church, and he has contributed liberally of his time and means towards the promulgation of religion in his own and foreign lands. He was chosen to represent his church in the General Conference at Dayton, O., in 1873, and since 1872 has been one of the most prominent Sunday School workers in the northwestern part of the state, having attended, during the past seventeen years, as delegate, a number of conventions, including the State's Sunday School Convention in Fostoria in 1882, the International Conventions of 1887 and 1890 inclusive respectively, and the International and World's Sunday School Convention at St. Louis, 1893.

In his local church he holds a position as class leader and trustee, and the amount of good he has accomplished in his various avenues of religious endeavor it would be impossible to estimate. Mr. Williams was married November 12, 1868, to Miss Elmina Kiefer, whose birth occurred in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, April, 1847.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams are the parents of five children, three living, viz.: Henry married Carrie Bennett and is associated with his father in business; Meda and Lesta, who are at home and attending the Ottawa Public Schools.

Mr. Williams furnished the writer some very interesting points of his travels in Europe, but space will not allow us to record, in full, the conversation and description of Mr. Williams, for his observations abroad were of the most scholarly nature and his memory and versatility enables him to give a minute description of the points of interest unnoticed by thousands of visitors to the same scenes.

While at Pisa he visited the leaning tower and made the ascent of that wonder of the world. We present a picture of the tower to our readers, the photograph for the picture having been purchased by Mr. Williams at Pisa and loaned to the

LEANING TOWER OF PISA.

publisher for this purpose. The tower is 180 feet in height, 30 feet in diameter and leans 13 feet from base to top. It is built of large sandstone, and by skilled workmen.

Mr. Williams made very close observations of the manner in which the tower was built, on account of the various theories set forth for the cause of the leaning of this tower. Was it intended by the designer of the tower that it should lean or was there a disturbance of the earth's crust that caused the tower to lose its verticle position, were the questions that confronted Mr. Williams. He finds the base to be level and the tower stands at an angle to its base. The column is straight from base to top. The base, which is nine feet high, rests upon the natural rock nine feet below the surface of the ground. This convinced Mr. Williams that the architect intended to build a leaning tower and that there was no interference of a volcanic nature or of any other kind that changed his plans.

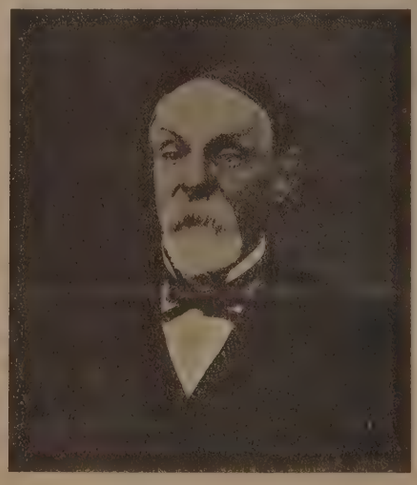
While at Rome he visited St. Peter's Cathedral, and vouches for the statement that it is the finest structure of its kind in the world. It is nearly 600 feet in height, and climbing to its dome he viewed the historic and ancient city of Rome, and gives it as his opinion that no city of the world so nearly compares, as regards to scenery, to that city as does our beautiful Queen City; but Cincinnati far exceeds it in improvements. After visiting the historical Collossium and Catacombs of Rome he proceeded to the ruined city of Pompeii, around and in which have been uncovered, in this century, proofs of an age of progress and wickedness ranking among the first in the world's history. He says that human bodies, in a petrified state, may be found throughout the city just as they had fallen on that fatal day when the wrath of Visuvius burst forth and covered the famous city and all her wickedness. While there he visited the world's most famous volcano and looked into that mouth which has belched forth death and destruction many times in its existence. The distance from Pompeii to Visuvius is about five miles and consumes about three and one-half hours time to reach it. Twenty-two hundred feet of this distance is traveled by cable, and four hundred feet, just before reaching the top of the mountain, which is the mouth or the volcano, the traveler has to walk over ground heated so as to readily roast an egg. The danger of making the ascent to Mt. Visuvius is so great that few visitors ever see its top.

NELSON HOWARD M'CRACKEN.

Mr. McCracken was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, November 7, 1827, and was brought when but four years old by his father, Robert McCracken (his mother having died when he was a babe) to Medina county, O., whence, after a brief residence in that county, he removed in 1834 and settled on a piece of land southeast of Kalida, which was then covered by an unbroken forest.

He received his education in the common school at Kalida, and in his earlier years taught school in the winter, working on the farm in the summer. At the age of twenty seven, in 1854, he was appointed by Auditor John Monroe as Deputy Auditor of the county, and from that time until 1863 continued to assist in that office and in the office of the County Treasurer.

Having been, at the fall election of 1862, elected County Treasurer, he took charge of that office in 1863 and (being re-elected in 1864) served as such for four years. It was during his term of office that the court house at Kalida was burned. Mr. Mc-



NELSON HOWARD M'CRACKEN.

Cracken and Mr. Maple, with another, made strenuous efforts to get out the safe containing the county's funds, but being unable to do so and at a loss for something in which to carry out its contents, Mrs. McCracken, with ready presence of mind, gathered her dress skirt into a receptacle into which they threw the money which was in the safe and carried it over to Mr. McCracken's house, where it was safely kept until a safe place was found for it. Not a dollar of the money was missing.

In 1875 Mr. McCracken was again elected County Treasurer, and re-elected in 1877, serving a second time for four consecutive years; and after his term expired, from time to time (generally at tax paying time) until 1891, he assisted the successive County Treasurers. He was married June 13, 1850, to Miss Sarah D. Shaffer.

Quick at figures, thoroughly competent as a business man, of marked integrity and pleasant, genial nature, few citzens of our county have exercised so large an influence in both business and political circles throughout the county, and none have commanded more respect and consideration from all its citizens, without regard to party, than has he. Successful in his business operations, he is, financially, one of the solid men of the county, and several brick houses and blocks give evidence that he has borne his part in the improvements which have added to the growth and welfare of at least two of our thriving towns.

DANIEL W. SEITZ.

Mr. Seitz was born September 16, 1850, in Putnam county. His father, David Seitz, moved into the county in 1847 and settled on the farm in Union township where he now lives.

Mr. Seitz's earlier opportunities for obtaining an education were such as could be found in the country schools, which he attended until he was twenty-one years old, when he began teaching, first in his home district, in 1871, and the next year in the district adjoining. In 1873 and 1874 he attended the National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, during the summer months, teaching in the winter, continuing to teach until 1879, when he took the Commercial Course at Lebanon. From 1879 to 1882, in connection with Prof. J. L. Geyer, he conducted a Normal School at Kalida, and during this time, in addition to teaching, carried himself through a thorough course in Surveying and Civil Engineering, familiarizing himself with the practical part of that profession during the four succeeding years.

In 1886 he was elected County Surveyor, which position, having been re-elected in 1889, he held until January 1, 1893. In 1885 Mr. Seitz became a member of the Ohio Society of Surveyors and Civil Engineers, a society organized by civil engineers of high standing and professional ability for the interchange of new ideas and the advancement of the profession, of which society he is still a member.

DANIEL W. SEITZ.

After his retirement from the County Surveyorship, during the summer of 1894, he was employed by the city authorities of Leipsic to construct in that town the first brick street pavement built in Putnam county.

He was married in October, 1882, to Miss Josephine R. Carey, of Kalida, and there have been born to them four children.—Raymond C., November 13, 1883; Bessie I., December 19, 1885; Lydia L., May 22, 1890, and Cloyd H., February 5, 1893.

Mr. Seitz has for the past two years been occupied most of his time in gathering the material, both literary and topographical, and in preparing the maps for his Atlas of Putnam County.

OTTAWA CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Rev. Augustin Reichert, who died in Kansas, February 13, 1889, may justly be called the founder of Sts. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church at Ottawa, Ohio. June 14, 1868, the corner-stone of the above named church was laid with the usual ceremonies and solemnities, by Rt. Rev. Bishop Amadeus Rapp, first Bishop of Cleveland. Afterwards it was dedicated by his successor, Rt. Rev. Bishop Richard Gilmour.

PASTORAL RESIDENCE.

From the very beginning great difficulties were encountered as there were about twenty-five families only to separate themselves from the old mother church (as it might be called in the county of Putnam) at Glandorf in order to organize a new parish. But good Father Reichert did not lose courage. He pushed the work and finally succeeded in erecting the church edifice which is still in use.

Rev. Fredric Schalk was the first pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul's Church. He also had his difficulties. Under his pastorage the grounds for a cemetery were bought. Here the good people were again of different opinion; some wished to locate it east, others west of the church.

So they had a little fight over it (nobody was hurt though), each party wishing to have the peaceful dead

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL BUILDING.

as their neighbors. During the pastorage of Rev. F. Schalk a beautiful church bell and many other things necessary for divine service were purchased.

From February, 1876, to July, 1878, the pastorage of Sts. Peter and Paul's Church was entrusted to the Zealous Rev. Clemens Roessner, who died in Nashville, Tenn., October 2, 1887. He first started the parochial school at Ottawa. His zeal for instructing the children is evident from the fact that he undertook the tedious task of teaching school himself, making the trip on foot to and fro almost daily between Glandorf and Ottawa.

Rev. Rudolph Abbrederis succeeded Rev. Clemens Roessner as pastor of the Sts. Peter and Paul's parish at Ottawa. His pastorage lasted from July, 1878, to September, 1883. A beautiful pipe organ was procured during his stay, also a successful church fair was held under his supervision.

In September, 1883, Rev Benedict Boebner took charge of Sts. Peter and Paul's Church. During his successful pastor-

REV. ANTHONY DICK.

STS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH.

age, which lasted till July, 1891, a handsome parochial school building of brick was erected and many other improvements made. His untiring zeal enabled him to surmount all the difficulties in the arduous undertaking of the erection of the above named school building. A very successful church fair under his management enabled him to cancel nearly all the debts. After a faithful service of nearly eight years at Ottawa, Ohio, Rev. B. Boebner was called to the professorship at St. Joseph's College, near Rensselaer, Indiana.

At the beginning of July, 1891, Rev. Anthony Dick received the appointment as pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul's Church, and still holds his position as such. Soon after arriving here he visited all the members belonging to his parish, thus becoming acquainted with the most of his parishioners. Taking the census at the same time he found that one hundred and sixty some families were entrusted to his care. Up to this time Sts. Peter and Paul's church was attended to from Glandorf. Supported by the generosity of his good people he erected a handsome brick pastoral residence, in which he now dwells since about the middle of December, 1893. Thus he became the first resident pastor at Sts. Peter and Paul's church at Ottawa, Ohio. At present the parish is in a flourishing condition.

REV. ANTHONY DICK.

HON. IGNATIUS H. KAHLE.

Mr. Kahle, son of John Francis Kahle, was born August 22, 1850 upon his father's farm in Greensburg Township, this county. His father was one of the early settlers of the county, having been of the party who left the Fatherland with Professor Hortsman, the founder of Glandorf, in 1832, and settled in this county in 1833.

Ignatius obtained his education in the common schools of Greensburg Township, and at the age of fifteen himself became a teacher, teaching for three terms. At the age of twenty-one he was elected Clerk of Greensburg Township, and by successive elections was continued in that office until 1882, when he was nominated and elected Representative from Putnam County to the Ohio Legislature by a majority of 1,265, and re-elected two years later by 1,935. He was married November 24, 1875, to Mary A. Miehls, who was born October 23, 1853. They have nine children: Frank G., born August 22, 1876, Emma B., March 6, 1878, Adelia

HON. I. H. KAHLE.

B., June 11, 1880, Laura M., June 10, 1882, George W., January 27, 1885, Harry I., September 27, 1887, Albert L., June 15, 1890, Bertha M., September 30, 1892, and Mary P. M., February 22, 1895.

After serving his second term in the Legislature Mr. Kahle continued to farm for a year, when he and Theodore Leopold bought the Glandorf Grist Mills, which they run until 1893. In the meantime, in 1888, he and Joseph Kersting bought the general store now owned by Mr. Kersting in Glandorf, the partnership continuing until December, 1892, when he sold out his interest to Mr. Kersting.

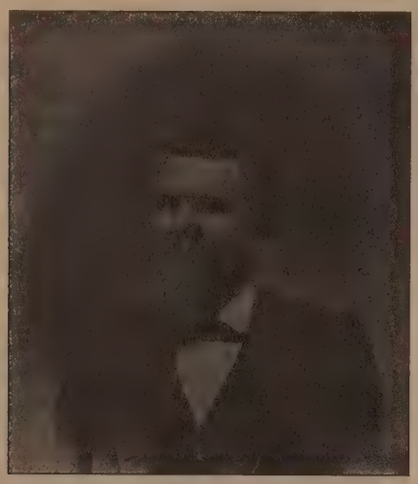
In 1893 Mr. Kahle and his son Frank made a voyage to Europe; in the course of their tour visiting Germany, France, Italy and Austria. On his return from Europe Mr. Kahle went into

the real estate business in Glandorf, and in 1894 in conjunction with Dr. W. F. Reed and W. H. Harper, Jr., established the Bank of Ottawa at Ottawa, doing a general banking business, Mr. Kahle being the Vice President of the bank.

That Mr. Kahle's course while in the Legislature was such as gained him the confidence and respect of his constituents is indicated by the increase of nearly seven hundred in his majority on his second term. Prompt in his attention to his duty as a Legislator, looking carefully after the interests of his people, of unswerving integrity, firm in his adhesion to his convictions, his legislative career is one that any man might well feel proud of.

J C LIGHT.

Joshua C. Light, son of Samuel and Amy Light, was born April 23, 1839, in Berkley county, Va. With his parents he moved to Washington, D. C., in 1845, thence to Baltimore, Md., in 1846, from there to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1847, and settled in Urbana in 1848. Here he obtained a liberal high school education. At the breaking out of the Rebellion he quickly heard the call to arms and on the 17th day of April, 1861, he enlisted in Co. K., 1st Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the first battle of Bull Run, June 21, 1861. Having completed his term of enlistment, he re-enlisted for three years, October 1,



J. C. LIGHT.

1861, in the 66th O. N. I. During this enlistment Mr. Light participated in the battles of Port Republic, Cedar Mountain, Second Battle of Bull Run, and the hard fought and hotly contested battle of Antietam. Having served faithfully his full term of enlistment he, at the expiration, re-enlisted in the spring of 1864 in the 134th, O. N. G., and served in the campaigns of the James and Appamatox rivers. During all these years Mr. Light proved himself a gallant soldier, quick, ready and brave to do when deeds alone counted, and he justly feels a commendable pride in his record as a soldier.

He was married to Miss Susan Thompson, in September, 1866. Moved to Ottawa in 1872 and for five years engaged in teaching school in the winter and farming in the summer. In 1877 he was employed as a teacher in the Ottawa Public Schools, in which position he remained for thirteen consecutive years. Here he developed a great faculty for his profession. I must say from my intimate relations with him, that he proved a model teacher. He would frequently have from sixty to sixty-five pupils to handle, and during his entire experience in Ottawa schools he exemplified those traits of character that constitute the real teacher—teaching not alone for the money that was in it, but bearing constantly in mind the welfare of his pupils.

The subject of this sketch has been honored time and again by fraternal societies of which he was an ardent member, having been elected secretary of each of the Masonic bodies every year continuously, with but one or two exceptions, since he became a member, and is at this writing serving his twentieth term. In politics Mr. L. is a Republican and was appointed postmaster of Ottawa by President Harrison in 1890, and served his full four years. In church relations he is a Methodist. Our subject is now engaged in insurance, loan and real estate, and is having a goodly share of patronage.

DANIEL ERNEST.

Mr. Ernest was born near Millgrove, Wood county, Ohio, September 17, 1846. After his removal to Putnam county he was, on the 13th of December, 1871, married to Miss Amanda Brower, a daughter of one of the pioneers of the county. He bought sixty acres of land in Palmer township, paying for it the sum of $800, and settled down to make himself a home. A

RESIDENCE OF DANIEL ERNEST.

steady, industrious application of his energies in this direction enabled him after eight years of judicious work and management to purchase the old home farm of John Crawfis, in Blanchard township, for $7,100, which he occupied until his removal to Ottawa, where he now lives with his family. The obtaining of the better education of his children, by reason of the admirable school facilities afforded by our schools being a large element in inducing him to make the change in his residence.

Mr. Ernest has been one of our active and intelligent farmers and has taken an active interest in our agricultural society and in the success of our county fairs.

OLIVER C. TALBOT.

Oliver C. Talbot was born May 11, 1868, at Kalida, Ohio. He received his education in the Union Schools of Kalida. Ex-

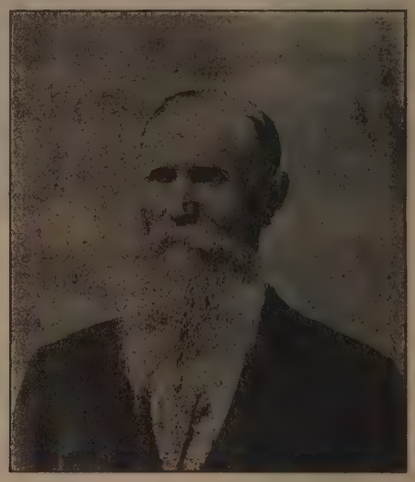
OLIVER C. TALBOT.

celling in the study of mathematics his inclination in this direction led him to the study of surveying and civil engineering. He assisted D. W, Seitz, County Surveyor, from 1889 to 1893, and at the expiration of Mr. Seitz's term of office he was deputy county surveyor under J. D. Huddle one year, and is now assisting in the management of The Electric Light Company of Ottawa. Mr. Talbot assisted in compiling the maps for the Putnam County Atlas.

Mr. Talbot was married to Miss Elnora Light, of Ottawa, on March 29, 1894. They have one child, Harriet Irene, born Jannary 8, 1895.

WILLIAM KOHLS.

The subject of this sketch, William Kohls, was born November 2, 1838, at Glandorf, Ohio, where he received a common school education. He was married to Anna Mary Rothman, of



WILLIAM KOHLS.

Glandorf, May 10, 1865. To this union there were born seven children. Mr. Kohls is one of the successful farmers of the county. His farm is situated a short distance southeast of Ottawa, where he and his wife live happily with their children, two girls and five boys.

DR. T. E PAUL.

Truman Edwin Paul, son of Doddridge and Roxana Whitney Paul, was born March 6, 1824, at Milan, now Erie county, O., in the block-house, or fort located at that place, where the settlers had taken refuge on account of Indian depredations and massacres which were frequent at that time. At the age of two years he removed with his parents to Crawford county, Ohio, at that time a dense forest with but one neighbor, and he three

DR. T. E. PAUL.

miles distant. At the age of eleven years he attended his first school, going four miles through the woods, and thereafter he attended school three months every summer until he left home when sixteen years old, then attended one year at the Green-

field Academy, in Fairfield county. Then he commenced the study of medicine with Drs. Paul & Frisby, of Royalton, Fair field county, Ohio, where he continued, with intervening lectures, for four years, graduating from the Geneva Medical College, of New York City, since which time he has constantly engaged in the practice of his chosen profession.

In March, 1845, at the age of twenty-one years, he came to Gilboa, Putnam county, and engaged in the practice of medicine in its various branches. At that time the larger part of the county was an unbroken forest and the remainder but sparcely settled, with a log cabin here and there in the woods. His practice extended over the east half of Putnam and west part of Hancock counties, from the Blanchard river to the Maumee, long distances through an unbroken forest with no roads, and nothing but mud and swamps.

In the fall of 1848 he was married to Miss Mary Jane Britton, of the same county. Of this union there was born one daughter, Gertrude R. Paul, who is now married to Dr. A. L. Paul, of Ottawa.

In the fall of 1879 he removed to Ottawa and continued the practice of his profession. He has lived to see the county converted from a wilderness and mire and swamps to one of the best in the State; and the well known and much dreaded Black Swamp, which was a terror to all travelers, converted into the garden spot of the State. And now, at the age of seventy-two years, he is hale and hearty and still in the practice of his profession.

AMERICUS V. RICE

Hon. Americus V. Rice was born in Perrysville, Ashland county, Ohio, November 18, 1835. He is the son of Clark H. and Katherine (Mowers) Rice. His father was born in Essex county, New York, and removed with his father to Richland county, Ohio, in 1812. He lived there till the age of thirty-five, when he removed to Putnam county and engaged very successfully in the mercantile business. During the last two years of his life he was the head of the banking house of C. H. Rice & Co. He died September 27, 1870, nearly sixty-six years of age. Ebenezer Rice, grandfather of Americus V. Rice, was a captain of artillery in the war of 1812, and his father was an officer in the Revolutionary War. The family came to this country from England in 1637, settling in Worcester, Mass.

General Rice spent two years at Antioch College, Ohio, and then entered Union College at Schenectady, New York, graduating in the class of 1860. In September he began the study of law, pursuing it until the following spring, when he offered his services as a private soldier under the three months call of President Lincoln. April 29, 1861, he was elected 2d Lieutenant of Co. E, 21st Regt. of Ohio Infantry, and on the 16th of May he was elected Captain, serving as such in the campaign of western Virginia under General J. D. Cox, until the muster out of his regiment in August of the same year. During the month of September, next following, he recruited a company for the three year service and was mustered in as Captain of Company A, 57th Ohio Infantry. General Rice largely assisted in recruiting and organizing this regiment, and his sentiment for it has lasted throughout his entire life. He has always considered "57" a magical number, and even now, thirty years after the close of the war, his blue eye kindles with pride when this gallant regiment is mentioned.

February 8th, on the unanimous recommendation of the officers of his regiment, he was appointed Lieutenant Colonel by Governor Todd. He accompanied his command to Paducah, Ky., where it was made a part of what is proudly spoken of as "Sherman's Division."

At the ever memorable battle of Shiloh, April 6 and 7, 1862, he was in command of his regiment. In the thickest of the fight Lieutenant-Colonel Rice was ever to be found directing and encouraging his men, one third of whom, alas, were missing when the dreadful battle was over. During the engagement a shell burst above his head, knocking both officer and horse senseless by the concussion. In the advance of Corinth, Mississippi, and subsequent siege, he took an active part. He was in all the battles and led his regiment in such a manner as to elicit the encomiums of his superior officers. He followed the fortunes of Sherman's army during the summer and fall of 1862. At Chickasaw Bayou, Mississippi, when Sherman was attempting to reduce Vicksburg, Lieutenant-Colonel Rice assumed command of his regiment during the different engagements from December 27, 1862, to January 2d, 1863. He distinguished himself at the battle of Arkansas Post, Arkansas, early in January, and durthe latter part of this same month and first half of February was with Grant at Vicksburg. In March he was placed in command of the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 15th Army Corps, in the "Black Bayou Expedition," an effort of General Sherman to invest Vicksburg. On April 16th of this same year, 1863, he received his commission as Colonel of the 57th Regiment, having already been in command of a brigade through some of the most important engagements.

April 30th he took his command to Snyder's Bluff on the Yazoo river and assisted in making the diversion against that point, which enabled General Grant to capture Grand Gulf, Mississippi. By rapid marches his troops circled around Vicks-

AMERICUS V. RICE.

burg and reached Baker's Creek, Miss., in time to engage in the battle of Champion Hills, May 16, 1863. He led his men in the engagement at Big Black River, May 17th, and pushing on to Vicksburg was in the first assault on that place after its investment on the 19th of May. On the 22d of May he headed his command in the terrible charge against the enemy's works at Vicksburg.

In this battle he was severely wounded by a minnie ball received in his thigh, and a shot which broke his right leg below the knee. These serious wounds kept him out of active service until January, 1864. For his brave actions in the various campaigns about Vicksburg, General Sherman recommended him for promotion to Brigadier General. He was again with Sherman in his most notable campaign against Atlanta in 1864, taking part in the different battles of Sugar Valley, Resaca, Dallas, New Hope, Big Shanty and Little Kenesaw. At the battle of Little Kenesaw he received three wounds almost simultaneously. The first in the head near the temple and caused great loss of blood; the second badly shattered the left foot, while the third crushed the right leg, making amputation above the knee necessary. For his action at Resaca, Georgia, May 14, 1864, he again received an impromptu recommendation from the general officers for promotion to Brigadier General for "gallant conduct on the field under their personal observation;" but the appointment was withheld until May, 1865.

His terrible wounds at Little Kenesaw kept him from active service until April, 1865, when he again joined his army at Newburn, North Carolina. He passed with his command in the great review at Washington, May 24, 1865, and in June took them to Louisville, Kentucky. There he was assigned to the command of the 3d Brigade, 2nd Division of the 15th Army Corps, which he took to Little Rock, Arkansas, June 24th. They were mustered out August, 1865. General Rice was honorably discharged January 15, 1866, having given his best energies and nearly five years of the best part of his life, together with his good right leg to the service of his country. He has suffered ever since from his wounds, and those who know him best say that his bravery in fighting and bearing this pain without a murmur must be greater than that required to face the cannon in the heat and excitement of battle. But it was, and is, all for his country. This thought has strengthened and sustained him all through the long years.

Upon entering private life he went to Arkansas, where he spent two years in cotton planting, Not satisfied with the experiment he returned to Putnam county, Ohio, where in June, 1868, he became the manager of the banking house of C. H. Rice & Co., at Ottawa, giving the business his whole attention for six years. At the death of his honored father he became the head of the firm. The house has had a remarkably successful career and has always enjoyed a most enviable reputation.

General Rice was married October 11, 1866, to Miss Mary Metcalf, a lady of refined nature and rare social qualities, the eldest daughter of the late Judge Metcalf, of Lima, Ohio.

General Rice belongs to an old Democratic family of the Jeffersonian type. He was a war Democrat, and has never given his adhesion to any other school of politics. In 1872 he was a delegate to the Baltimore convention that nominated Horace Greeley. In 1874 he was elected to Congress, and re-elected in 1876. The quick intelligence and sunny, sympathetic nature of the young Congressman soon won the attention and hearts of the statesmen gathered at the National Capitol, as they had already won those of the officers in the army. After a time it gradually came to be known that the opinion of the quiet member from Ohio had weight. He then, as always, identified himself with the soldier interest. He was made chairman of the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and his great work in Congress, to which he devoted his best energies, was the passage of the Arrears of Pensions bill. This secures to every old soldier who obtains a pension not only the money due him each quarter, but all that has accumulated to his credit since the war.

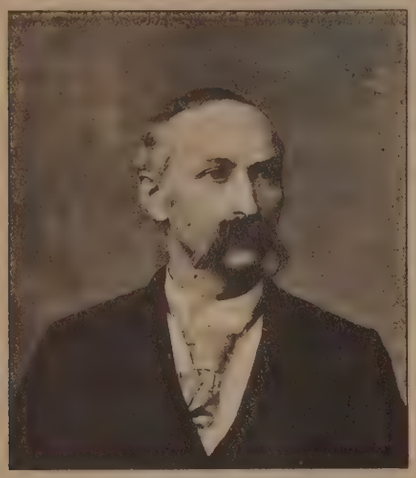
In 1880 General Rice was first alternate delegate for the State at large to the Cincinnati convention, at which General Hancock was nominated; and in 1888 he was delegate to the St. Louis convention, at which Grover Cleveland was nominated.

He has always been a public spirited citizen and has identified himself with all the principal movements in town and county. He has been a partner in most of our leading manufactories, and has ever thrown his influence on the side of progress and improvement. Church, town, county, schools, charities and society have always received his encouragement and his assistance. For a number of years General Rice has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, at Xenia, Ohio. This is a work of love with him that has received much of his time and labor.

On the 21st of March, 1894, he was appointed United States Pension Agent for Ohio, by the President. It was one of the most popular appointments that President Cleveland has made. After having devoted so much of his life to the interest of the soldiers, it is indeed fitting that the pleasant though arduous task of disbursing to them nearly sixteen millions of dollars each year in pensions should devolve upon General Rice. He took possession of his new office at Columbus, May 1, 1894. He is now, with his family (which consists of his ever devoted wife and two daughters), temporarily living in that city.

SAMUEL C. ARNOLD.

S. C. Arnold, the well known and efficient photographer of Ottawa, Ohio, and son of Christian J. and Sarah (Wilt) Arnold, was born September 10, 1850, at Delaware, Ohio. His parents removed to Kalida, Ohio, when he was one year old, but soon thereafter settled on a farm two miles east of Columbus Grove. Here the subject of this sketch was reared and taught those traits of character which have enabled him to pursue his undertakings in life with success. Assisting his father during the



SAMUEL C. ARNOLD.

busy seasons of farm life, he attended the country schools during the winter season until he arrived at the age of seventeen, when his father again removed to Sandusky county, Ohio, and there again located on a farm. At the age of twenty-one Mr. Arnold began teaching school, thus enabling himself to acquire an independent education, and with his means thus earned carried himself through a term or two in the Fremont high schools. He afterwards attended school at Republic, Ohio, two terms and one year at Oberlin and Berea.

In 1874 he took up the study of photography at Fremont, Ohio, and in 1881 he removed to Ottawa, Ohio, and entered at once the business of photography, which he has so ably conducted to the present time.

Mr. Arnold made a large number of photographs from which the half-tone plates used in the Putnam County Atlas were produced.

In the fall of 1881 Mr. Arnold was married to Miss Mary A. Davis, of Ottawa. They have one child, Effie Lenore, born September 19, 1882.

GEORGE B. CASS.

George Bailey Cass, the son of Levi A. Cass and Lucy A. Cass (nee Sanford) was born on a farm near Congress, Wayne county, Ohio, July 2, 1837. He was one of a family of eight children, five sons and three daughters. When quite young he removed with his parents to Galion, from which place he attended Oberlin College for two years. Being given a tract of wild land in Wood county, by his father, he removed thither and taught school a portion of the time, making the rails, fencing his land and getting it ready for cultivation. When about the age of twenty-one he was united in marriage to Katharine A. Kline, of near Gilboa. Nine children blessed this union, of which six are living at this time. The young couple lived on their farm for two years and then moved to Tontogany, where Mr. Cass was employed as railway and express agent for several years. After severing his connection with the railroad he went West, remaining for a short time, and on returning located at Hebron, Indiana, where he engaged in the hardware business for four years, when he sold out and re-embarked in the same business at Ottawa, continuing therein until 1882, when he disposed of it, after having built up an immense trade. He probably had the most complete store and enjoyed the largest patronage of any hardware dealer ever engaged in the business in Putnam county.

Mr. Cass' occupation since discontinuing in the hardware business has been superintending his large farming interests.

Religious affiliation began while in Tontogany, where he united with the Presbyterian church, continuing an active member in Ottawa until his death. He served the Sabbath school many years as superintendent. In 1879 he took his entire

GEORGE B. CASS.

corps of teachers, pastor and librarian to the Sunday school encampment at Lakeside; he also served the church several years as trustee. In 1861 he volunteered for service in the Union army, but was rejected on account of physical frailty.

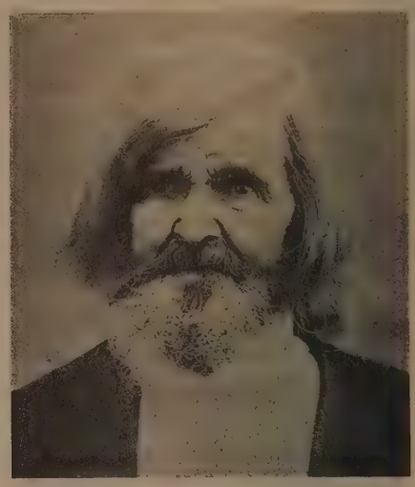
Mr. Cass was a man of great energy and determination, fearless and indomitable. By careful and active management and close application he succeeded in amassing quite a fortune. To the outside world he seemed wrapped in business, but in his home circle were abundantly manifested those traits which mark the solicitude and indulgence of a loving father. One controlling desire was to afford his children the advantages of a superior education, and to that end was unstinted. His private benefactions were large, but the left hand knew not the right hand's doing, so that most people were unaware of his many charitable acts.

He was cordial to friends, discreet in tongue, temperate in the strictest sense. Policy had no place in his character; he had the courage of his convictions, and when occasion demanded was fearless in their expression. He hated insincerity. If you could enlist him on your side he was loyal to the last degree; his time, abilities and means were at your disposal. His was a full life and a successful one.

He died July 3, 1895, at Battle Creek, Michigan, where his family had taken him in hopes of restoring him to health. He was just fifty-eight years old at the time of his death.

WILLIAM SCOTT.

Among the early pioneers of Putnam county only a few remain, and of the early county officials only two, known to the writer, are among us. James M. Lee, of Kalida, Ohio, was the first Court Constable, and William Scott, of Delphos, Ohio, was one of the early County Commissioners of the county, and served as such five or six years. He was also a pioneer Justice of the Peace for many years. Mr. Scott is of Scotch-Irish descent and was born February 19, 1796, and came to this county, settling on the bank of the Auglaize river, south of Ft. Jennings. Although nearly a centenarian, blind, and hard of hearing, he relates with interest many of the early events of the county. He presented the name of James McKinzie to the convention which nominated him for Prosecuting Attorney, and was a delegate to the Democratic congressional convention that nominated Congressman Blackburn. The "latch string" of his cabin door always hung out, and he had the honor of entertaining the late Gen. James B. Stedman (Old Chickamauga) over night in his cabin in 1840.



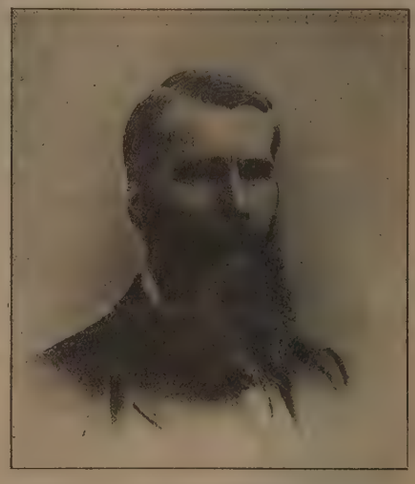
WILLIAM SCOTT.

He was a regular attendant of the Putnam County Pioneer Associations for many years, and his portrait will be recognized by many of our people.

DR. CHARLES E. TUPPER.

Although he has passed from earth, so intimately was Dr. Tupper connected with the growth of the county for many years that its history would scarcely be complete without some record of his life and work.

Dr. Tupper was born in Bernard, Vermont, September 13, 1829. While yet a boy he came to Ohio, settling near Cleveland. He studied his profession with Dr. Pixley, of Wooster, Ohio, graduating at the Cleveland Medical College in 1854, and commenced the practice of medicine immediately, in which he was continually engaged up to the time of his death. He practiced



CHARLES E. TUPPER

in Ohio and for a short time in Wisconsin, from whence he returned to Ohio, settling in Ottawa in 1860 in partnership with Dr. C. T. Pomeroy, continuing in the partnership until he was appointed in 1864 Surgeon of the 41st Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which capacity he served until the close of the war.

After his return from the army he formed a partnership with Dr. C. M. Godfrey, which continued until Dr. Godfrey retired from active practice.

An earnest and enthusiastic student in his chosen profession, the experience gathered in his army life made Dr. Tupper one of

the most trusted and skillful physicians and surgeons in the state, and brought to him a large and lucrative practice. His ability and sterling worth were recognized by his neighbors, as well as by those high in authority. As an appointee of three Presidents he served upon the County Board of Pension Examiners from its organization until his death. He was appointed by Governor Campbell as Superintendent of the Toledo Asylum for the Insane; by the voice of his fellow citizens he served upon the Board of Education of Ottawa for many years, and but that despite the persuasions he would not, he could have represented this district in the Congress of the United States.

He was a man of fine ability, positive in his convictions, and fearless in his advocacy of what he deemed to be right.

He was married June 9, 1857, at Strongsville, to Miss Mary A. Gallup; to this union were born three sons and two daughters.

Dr. Tupper died January 7, 1894, at his home in Ottawa.

EXTRACT FROM HOWE'S HISTORY OF PUTNAM COUNTY IN 1846.

"A large portion of the population is from eastern Ohio, and of Pennsylvania extraction. In Ottawa, Greensburg, Riley and Jennings are many natives of Germany. The site of old Fort Jennings is in the southwest part. There were two Indian towns in the county of some note—the upper 'Tawa town was on Blanchard fork; two miles below, on the site of the present Ottawa village, was the lower 'Tawa town.

"Kalida, the [old] county seat, is on Ottawa river, 114 miles northwest of Columbus. It was laid out in 1834 as the seat of justice, and from a Greek word signifying '*beautiful*.' It contains a Methodist church, four stores, a newspaper printing-office, and thirty-six dwellings.

"In Riley is a settlement of 'Aymish or Omish,' a sect of the 'Mennonites or Harmless Christians.' They derive their name from Aymen, their founder, and were originally known as Aymenites. This sect wear long beards, and reject all superfluities in dress, diet and property. They have ever been remarkable for industry, frugality, temperance and simplicity. At an early day many of the Omish emigrated from Germany to Pennsylvania. When they first came to the country they had neither churches nor graveyards. 'A church,' said they, "we do not require, for in the depth of the thicket, in the forest, on the water, in the field and in the dwelling, God is always present." Many of their descendents, deviating from the practice of their forefathers, have churches and burial grounds.

"The view, 'A Home in the Wilderness,' represents a log tavern in the western part of the county, on the road to Charloe. It was built about thirty years since by two men, assisted by a female. It has long been a favorite stopping place for travelers, as many as twenty or thirty having, with their horses, frequently tarried here over night, when journeying through the wilderness. The situation is charming. It is on the banks of the Auglaize, which flows in a ravine some fifteen or twenty feet below. All around stand massive trees, with foliage luxuriantly developed by the virgin fertility of the soil, while numerous branches lave in the passing waters. We came suddenly upon the place on a pleasant day in June, 1846, and were so much pleased with its primitive simplicity and loveliness as to stop and make a more familiar acquaintance. We alighted from our faithful 'Pomp,' turned him loose among the fresh grass, drew our portfolio from our saddle-bags, and while he was rolling amid the clover in full liberty, and the ladies of the house were seated sewing in the open space between the parts of the cabin, fanned by a gentle breeze—we took a sketch as a memorial of a scene we shall never forget, and to present to our readers a view of 'A Home in the Wilderness.'

"Gilboa, Pendleton, Ottawa, Columbus Grove, Madeira and Glandorf are all small places in this county, the largest of which, Gilboa, contains about thirty-five dwellings."—*Old Edition.*

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GEORGE D. KINDER,

Editor Putnam County Sentinel,

OTTAWA, OHIO.

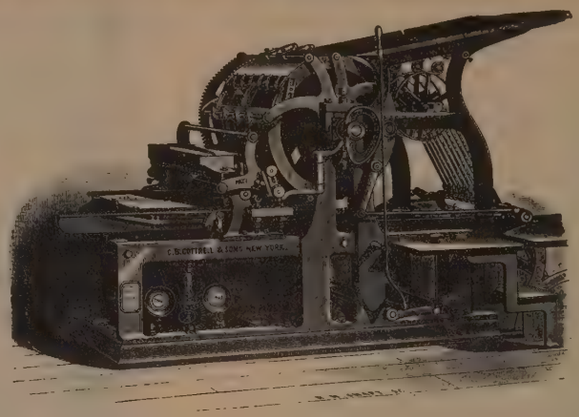
[From the Toledo Blade, December 12, 1894.]

"George D. Kinder, editor and proprietor of the *Putnam County Sentinel*, Ottawa, Ohio, is one among the oldest active newspaper men of the state, although not the oldest in years. He has been the editor and proprietor of the *Sentinel* since 1867. He was born in Franklin, Warren county, Ohio, in the year 1836, and commenced to learn the printing business in the office of the Hamilton *Telegraph*, at Hamilton, in the year 1851. With the exception of a couple of years spent at college, Mr. Kinder has ever since devoted his entire time to the printing business. In 1862 he started the *Erie County News*, at Sandusky City, which was one of the two Democratic papers published on the Western Reserve during the years 1862-63. After publishing the *News* for about two years he moved the material to Port Clinton, Ottawa county, and started the Ottawa *County News*, which he soon disposed of to G. W. Clark. In the year 1865 he purchased the Greenville *Democrat*, and published it for over a year and sold it to the present owner. For a short time he was connected with the Bucyrus *Forum* as business manager, and while there, in 1867, purchased the *Putnam County Sentinel*, which he has owned and conducted ever since, being very successful, and building up an extensive and profitable business. The *Sentinel* is one of the most complete and finest newspaper and job office plants in the state, having been made so by the never ceasing efforts and industry of its proprietor. The paper is regarded as among the leading Democratic county papers of this part of the state, and has the confidence and support of the Democracy of Putnam county.

Mr. Kinder is a Democrat who always is a good fighter, and in the councils of his own party he is free to criticise what he believes to be wrong. He is a good newspaper man and a good and fearless citizen."

To this may be added that during his life he has always refused to become a candidate for public office, believing the post of honor to be the private station. With the exception of being a member of the School Board for five years he has never held a public office. He is at present connected with the Ottawa Home and Savings Association, of which he is President.

He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being a Sir Knight of Shawnee Commandry. He is also a Knight of Pythias, and a member of the Royal Arcanum.



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Der Demokrat was founded in 1887 by C. W. Bente, and published by him until September, 1890, at which time Henry Holterman became its editor and proprietor. In 1891 Mr. Holterman sold out to Carl Wohlfarth, who kept control of the paper until May, 1892, at which time he sold a half interest to H. F. Rauh. The new firm, under the name of Demokrat Publishing Company, continued its publication until March 4, 1893, when H. F. Rauh, at receiver's sale, purchased the paper and became the sole proprietor. Through his judicious management the paper gained rapidly in favor, enjoys a large circulation and advertising patronage and is now one of the leading German newspapers of the Northwest.

Der Demokrat has always been, and is yet, an earnest and able advocate of the party whose cause it espouses—the party whose undying principles were laid down by Jefferson and promulgated by Jackson. Its course is always straight-forward, open and fearless, and it never turns aside to worship at the shrine of false gods, nor take part in the petty political wrangles in which members of its party may sometimes indulge. Pure and undefiled Democracy is the theme for which its harpstrings are attuned, and it neither sings nor listens to any other song. *Der Demokrat* is ably edited and is a welcome visitor among the German reading people.

H. F. RAUH,
EDITOR OF DER DEMOKRAT.

H. F. Rauh was born on the 4th day of October, 1860, on a farm in Washington township, Mercer county, Ohio. His parents were Ignatius Rauh, a mill-wright by trade, who came to this country when a young man, and Mary Anne (Weigelt) Rauh, who came to this country with her parents when quite young, both were natives of Germany. Their union was blessed with six boys, of whom the subject of this sketch is the fifth. The three older brothers are farmers, two chose the profession of teaching, and the youngest became a priest. Their father died in May, 1869; their mother is still living.

Mr. Rauh attended the district school until fourteen years of age, afterwards attended high school, one year at Ft. Recovery, Ohio, and two years at Celina, the seat of Mercer county. At the age of seventeen he began teaching, and taught three years in Mercer county and two years in Auglaize county. Wishing to equip himself with a higher and a more thorough education, he resigned teaching, attended school at Ada and at Lebanon a number of terms, afterwards spent two years in the Pio Nono College, near Milwaukee, Wis., from which he was graduated with honors. It is chiefly here where he received his German and musical education, though having already studied German in the district school. Entering again upon the duties of teacher, Mr. Rauh, in 1885, took charge of an academy in Denison City, Texas. After one year of successful labor he resigned to accept the superintendency of the Glandorf Public Schools and organist of the St. John's Catholic Church, which positions he still holds. He re-disciplined the schools and raised the standard of instruction so that the school now ranks as one of the foremost in the county.

In 1887 he helped to organize the Glandorf German Building and Loan Company, and served as its first secretary for two years. In 1889 he was appointed School Examiner, and, after serving two terms, was re-appointed in 1895, and enjoys the confidence of the teachers. He has always taken an active part in educational meetings, and was elected president of the Putnam County Teachers' Institute in 1893. In May, 1892, he became associated with *Der Demokrat*, and since March, 1893, is the sole proprietor.

July 26, 1893, Mr. Rauh was united in marriage to Miss Mamie Anne, eldest daughter of John M. and Elizabeth (Wilhelm) Preisendorfer, of Defiance, Ohio. Two sons, John Clarence, born September 18, 1894, and who died two weeks later, and Carl Hugo Michael, born November 7, 1895, blessed their union.

Mr. Rauh is always ready to help along a new enterprise for the public good, is an earnest and untiring worker and achieves success.

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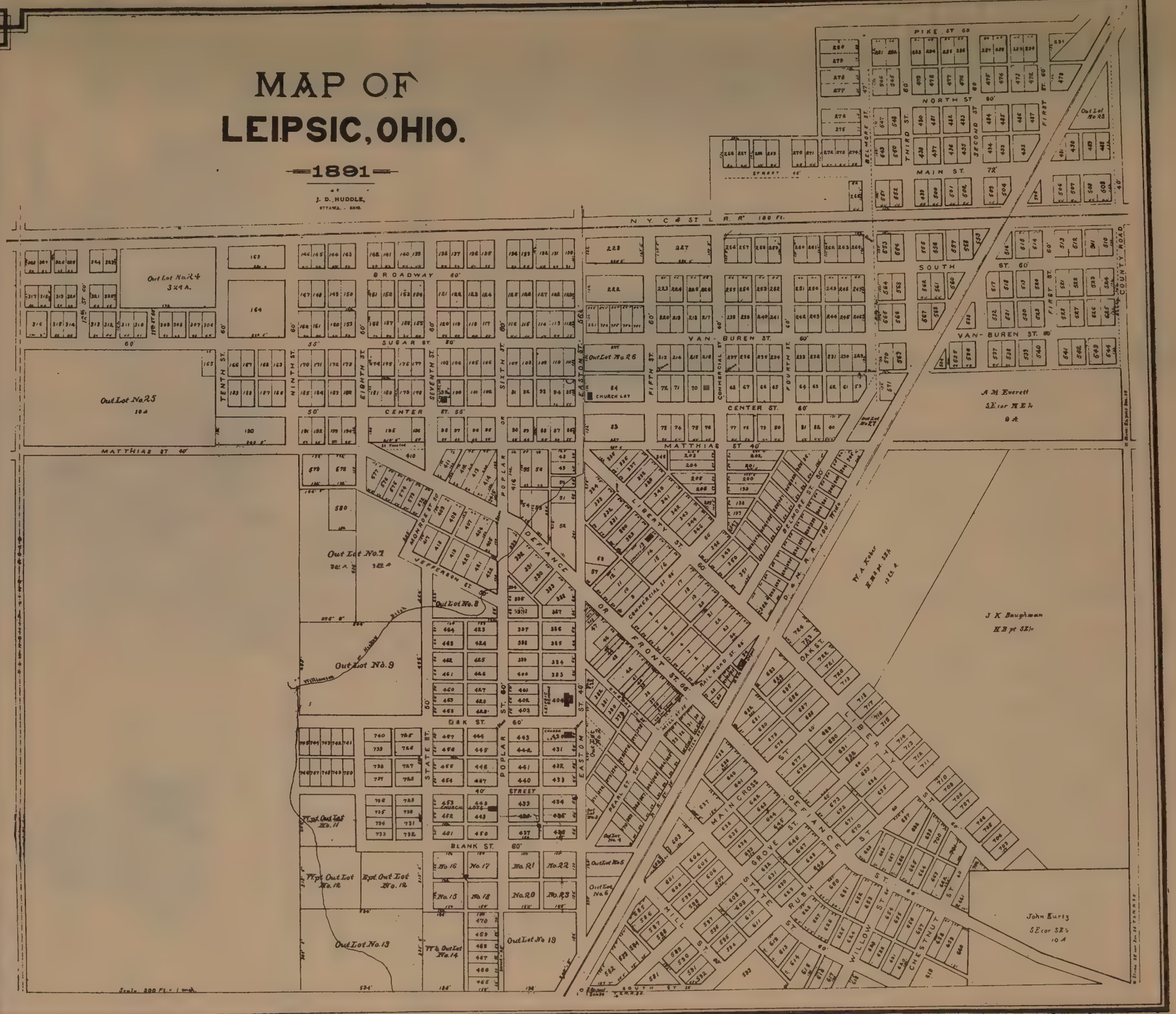
Der „Demokrat" hat zu jeder Zeit und verficht auch jetzt noch in geſchickter Weiſe die Partei, deren Prinzipien er vertritt — die Partei, deren unſterblichen Grundſätze von Jefferſon erdacht und von Jackſon verbreitet wurden. Sein Ziel geht gerade aus, offen und ohne Furcht, und hat ſich nie vor falſchen Götzen gebeugt oder in kleinliche politiſche Angelegenheiten hineingemengt, welche Politiker ſo gerne zum Spielball ihrer Laune machen. Echte und wahre Demokratie iſt ſein Ziel, für welches er mit aller Kraft eintritt und kennt keinen andern Sang als dieſen. Der „Demokrat" iſt editoriell in guter Hand und ein willkommener Gaſt unter dem deutſchen Publikum.

MAP OF LEIPSIC, OHIO.

1891

J. D. HUDDLE,
OTTAWA. OHIO.



History of Leipsic.

BY HENRY EDMISTER.

We fear that this attempt to chronicle a history of so thriving and prosperous a town as our subject will be void of that tint of literature necessary to include admiration with interest, and do justice to the lives and acts of the individuals who constitute the progressive history of the town.

Comfortably situated on a rise in the surface at the southern edge of what is known as the Black Swamp, a region destined to become famous throughout the world for the wealth of its productiveness, Leipsic has the advantage of a beautiful and healthy location as well as being the outlet for one of the best agricultural districts in the United States.

These are its natural advantages; now let us note some of the artificial advantages with which it has been endowed from time to time by its own citizens and others in the way of public and private improvements in general.

RAILROADS.

In 1859 the Dayton & Michigan railroad was constructed. The first train passing over this road signaled the denizens of an almost impenetrable forest, where Leipsic now stands, while thirty-six years after, the last one has signaled the citizens of one of the most thriving towns in the Buckeye state.

By the construction of this road the outlet for the timber and other products of this country was assured, and settlers began to arrive and progression became visible. The road and the country became inseparably linked together, and hand in hand they have pushed forward until the Dayton & Michigan, now managed by the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad Company, has become the greatest north and south road on the western continent, and this section a marvel of progress and productiveness.

In 1882 the New York, Chicago & St. Louis railroad (better known as the Nickel Plate) was constructed through Leipsic, and now ranks as the leading freight road from Chicago east, and the best connecting link between the two great metropolises of the New World.

At this writing the voice of teamsters and the sound of the sledge as they pile up the grade and fasten down the rails are plainly audible, and the last days of the year 1895 will mark the construction of the Lima Northern railroad giving us direct communication with the great coal fields of Southern Ohio and West Virginia and the lumber regions of the North.

EARLY SETTLERS.

The first settler in Van Buren township was Abraham Baughman, who settled on a farm just east of Leipsic in 1835. He was soon followed by Hiram Hull, Ludwig Hull, Elviriton A. Hull, Wm. Killpatrick, James Reed, James Davis and John Broadsword, who settled on farms in the vicinity of Leipsic.

Several attempts were made to organize a township but failed for lack of voters. Finally Abraham Baughman gave satisfactory bond securing the county against loss, and an order was given by the Commissioners to organize a township.

The first election was held February 18, 1843, at the residence of Abraham Baughman, twelve votes being cast, nine of which were actual residents and three having been imported for the occasion. The officers elected were A. Baughman, E. A. Hull and J. Davis, Trustees; M. L. Thrapp, Clerk; E. A. Hull, Treasurer; Jacob Nemire and Adam Krites, Overseers of the Poor; A. Baughman and David Tyner, Fence Viewers; Lemuel Hickerson, Constable. On May 20, 1843, at a special election, E. A. Hull was elected first Justice of the Peace of the township. At an election in October, 1848, nineteen votes were cast in Van Buren township. While in November, 1895, 825 vote were cast for Governor.

EARLY SETTLERS OF LEIPSIC.

The first settlers of Leipsic were J. B. Swartz, Wellington Hurd and David McClung, who settled here in 1859, at which date the present site of the town was a dense wilderness. The former gentleman then owned the southeast quarter of section 30, which includes all that part of the town east of Eastom street and south of Mathias street; and Messrs. Hurd and McClung were owners of the southwest quarter of section 30. In the same year C. W. Askam and wife and Al. Tingle swelled the population of the town, and in 1860 Messrs. S. and W. P. Young and D. G. Leffler settled here. The year following, Mrs. John Foltz, G. D. Foltz, Jacob Werner and Absalom Foulk risked their fortunes with the progress of the new town.

In 1863 the new recruits were A. F. Eastom and wife, T. J. Werner, Samuel Waters and wife, and in 1865, J. H. Askam, Andrew C. Askam and F. Leffler completed the list of pioneer residents, and at this time these men of brawn and courage had placed on the map of the world a thriving little village. Many of the above list of pioneers are still living, and many and long are the stories of hardships and privations, attending the early settlement of Leipsic, they can truthfully tell.

THE PLAT AND ITS ADDITIONS.

On January 26, 1857, James E. Creighton platted the lands lying east of the C. H. & D. railroad, and both north and south of the Nickel Plate and east to the east line of section 30, and named it Creightontown (Deed book 9, page 298.) This was the first ground platted into lots in the corporate limits of Leipsic, and this example has been followed from time to time until at the present writing there are 804 numbered lots, over 500 of which are improved with good modern business blocks and homes.

On August 29, 1859, Joseph Swartz laid out a plat of land east of the C. H. & D. railroad and on either side of Defiance street and called the place Leipsic station. On August 30, 1860, he laid out an addition to the same; these two additions are recorded in County Surveyor's office. The following additions have been added since, and recorded in Plat Book 1:

J. E. Creighton, June 18, 1860, page 290; David McClung, July 7, 1864, page 22; Foulk & Youngs, December 12, 1870, page, 84; McClung's 2nd addition, April 24, 1871, page 98; McClung's 3d addition, November 28, 1871, page 100; Creighton's 2nd addition, November 6, 1871, page 102; Eastman's 1st addition, December 19, 1871, page 114; Eastman's 2nd addition, May 18, 1872, page 124; Eastman's 3d addition, April 25, 1873, pages 138-139; McClung's 3d addition, June 14, 1873, pages 144 145; Young & Fike's sub-division, April 25, 1874, pages 160-161; Bruners & Waters' addition, June 29, 1874, pages 166-167; Heckford and others addition. February 4, 1876, page 192; John Kurtz, survey No. 1, October 31, 1879, pages 254 255; W. H. Hickey addition, April 29, 1882, pages 314 315; P. H. Turner addition, May 8, 1882, pages 316-317; P. H. Turner's addition, June 23, 1882, pages 350 351.

The following additions are recorded in Plat Book No. 2:

McClung's 2nd sub-addition, November 19, 1885, page 88; J. K. Baughman's addition, May 1, 1890, page 182; M. C. Woodruff's sub division, October 27, 1890, page 202; F. J. Maehlmann's sub division, November 27, 1892, page 247; C. H. Huber's sub-division, October 18, 1893, page 282; J. P. Barton's sub division, May 27, 1895, page 302; Eastman's sub division, June 21, 1895, page 306.

The above additions and sub-divisions constitute, with a few small unplatted parcels of land, the plat of the village of Leipsic, and in no town in the country has realty held a firmer grasp upon prices established in prosperous times.

INDUSTRIES.

Chief among the industries now operating in Leipsic is the Buckeye Stave Company. In point of success this company ranks first in the county and among the very first in Northwestern Ohio. The members of the company are Messrs. John, W W. and Joseph Edwards, and I, N. Bushong. The company was organized in 1886, and now operate seven large stave factories. The company employs about 1.000 persons, and the pay roll amounts to about $175,000 per year. In 1887 this company purchased the Bank of Leipsic, and under their able management it has grown to be one of the strongest private banks of its size in the State.

The Leipsic Flouring Mill, now owned and operated by W. C. Miller, was erected in the year 1872, and with the improvements which have been added since, it ranks as one of the most

complete and extensive milling plants in a town of this size in the country.

The Leipsic Planing Mill has long since secured recognition in the front rank of prosperous institutions. It is owned and operated by Messrs. O. E. Townsend and John Zahrends. They have three factories, two of which are located in Leipsic The two employ thirteen men and have a pay roll of about $150 per week.

Leipsic Machine Works commenced operating under the control of Andy Bachle in 1889. They manufacture the Leipsic wind engine, steam engines, and various other machines, besides doing an extensive business in repairs of all kinds.

A. F. Eastom & Son own and operate one of the largest and most successful sawmill plants in this section of the State. In 1894 they added to their milling interests a factory to manufacture trunk slats, and their concern now gives employment to twenty-one men and have a weekly pay roll of $150.

The Leipsic brick-yard is now owned and operated by A. Foulk, and the progress and reputation of this concern has long since become indisputable. The output for the year just ending has been near one million bricks, and one can judge of the progress of this place by the statement, that this vast number has been sold for use in Leipsic and immediate vicinity. During the summer season the yard gives employment to thirteen persons and has a pay roll of about $70 per week.

The Leipsic tile yard, owned and operated by C. C. Nutter, ranks high in the estimation of its many patrons and is a creditable part of the town's business enterprises.

The Leipsic Creamery Co. was organized in 1893, and the commodious buildings and extensive machinery were constructed and placed in operation the same year. The company originally consisted of a number of the most enterprising farmers in this locality, but in September, 1895, Messrs. Chas. Huber and Chas. Spray purchased the plant, and these gentlemen are now operating the same on a basis of universal satisfaction.

Leipsic boasts of two good elevators and two good men to conduct them. One is operated by C. W. Franklin, located on the C. H. & D. railroad, and the other, operated by E. W. Huntsman, located on the Nickel Plate railroad

A. Stechschulte, merchant tailor, employs eight people; pay $100 a week; established 1884.

The above comprises the industrial institutions of this magic town, and if indications and expectations count for anything, this list can be increased wonderfully five years hence.

CHURCHES.

There are five active church organizations in Leipsic: Methodist, Catholic, Lutheran, Christian, and Presbyterian.

The Leipsic Methodist church was organized in September, 1859, and the enrollment is now 350 members. This denomination is now completing a church building at a cost of $18,000.

The St. Mary's Catholic church was organized 1875, and has a membership of 250. In 1891 this denomination erected a church at a cost of $7,000.

The Christian church of Leipsic was organized 1876, and has 175 members.

The Lutheran church was organized 1868, and has 282 members.

The Presbyterian church was organized in 1868, and has 175 members.

SCHOOLS.

The school facilities of the town are first-class and the management of the same is of a high order. The Leipsic Public School was organized in 1867 with Dr. J. C. McClung as principal, and had an enrollment of 34 schoolars. In 1880 it had reached that grade entitling it to the position of a high school. In 1878 the school board erected a commodious building, but in 1885 the enrollment had grown so rapidly that it became necessary to increase the size of the former structure, and with the addition then made the present substantial building was completed and the school now has an enrollment of 350. C. M. Lewis is now superintendent of the school.

In 1894, Prof. L. S. Lafferty purchased the old Methodist church building and organized the Leipsic College. The institution is founded upon the highest educational principles, and is rapidly gaining strength and patronage.

Leipsic parochial school; organized 1890; H. B. Huffman, principal; enrollment, 65 scholars.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

All improvements, both public and private, which have been made in Leipsic are emblems of progress. In 1894 Defiance or Main street was paved with brick from Eastom street on the west to a point nearly one thousand feet east of the C. H. & D. railroad, and at the same time nearly one mile of fine sawed stone sidewalk was laid. The entire cost of the street improvement exceeded $21,000, and it gave to Leipsic the honor of having the best improved street in the county, and one of the best in the State. Additional street improvements of the same character have now reached the point of council ordinance, and anticipations for the future in this direction are very bright. A year prior to the pavement, Main street was sewered from Eighth street to Willow street, and Pearl street was sewered from Main street south to its junction with Eastom street.

NEWSPAPERS.

Among the monuments which mark the progress of Leipsic none rears its head more lofty than that represented by our newspapers.

The Free Press, a weekly paper founded September 13, 1878, by W. W. Smith, has excelled even the marvelous growth of its town, and today ranks among the newsiest and best edited papers of its rank in the country, and the job office of this paper has no superior in any town of like population.

The Tribune was founded in 1891 by Messrs. Pratt and Fred Kline, who conducted it until 1894, when Messrs Horn & Wendell purchased it. This firm was soon after dissolved, by Mr. Wendell purchasing the interests of Mr. Horn, and the entire business is now very ably conducted by H. F. Wendell, who, in the short space of one year, has made his paper one of the brightest and newsiest of country papers.

PRIVATE IMPROVEMENTS.

The chances of and example for first class improvement in all business or residence construction was inaugurated by Mr. D. G. Leffler, when in the year 1871 he constructed the two story brick business block on the northeast corner of Defiance and Pearl streets, now occupied by John P. Rampe's boot and shoe store. This building at that time was a long step above the improvements then existing, and it was father of the determination on the part of the capitalists and business men to create every additional improvement in excellence. This idea has been followed with scarcely a variance, until at the present date Leipsic challenges all competion in this line and stands the proud possessor of many buildings which would do credit to a city of ten thousand people.

In 1883 Messrs. D. G. Leffler, George Kober, Nelson McCracken and F. J. Maehlman constructed the Union block. This block fronts one hundred feet on Main street and includes the four business rooms now occupied by Pfister & Co.'s hardware, Leffler Bros.' grocery, J. H. Arnold's dry goods store, and F. J. Maehlmann's boot and shoe store. The two west rooms are three stories high and one hundred feet long, and the two east rooms are two stories high and eighty feet long.

The year 1889 witnessed the erection of two business blocks in Leipsic. The Bank of Leipsic, constructed in that year, their present bank building, which is located on the southwest corner of Main and Pearl streets, is, both in its interior and exterior, a model of architecture.

W. A. Kober constructed in that year the two story brick building on the south side of Main street, east of Pearl.

In 1890 the last named gentleman continued his work of improvement and constructed the two store rooms now occupied by Isaac Levison, clothier, and Pratt Kline's flour and feed store; and in 1892, still confiding in the opportunity of investment which the town afforded, he erected the handsome two story brick block opposite the opera house, and he has at this writing plans for additional buildings during 1896.

This year witnessed a disastrous fire in the business portion of the town, sweeping away in the course of a few hours two hundred feet of her business blocks; but before the ashes had cooled arrangements were made for rebuilding, and Messrs. A. J. Lowry, O. E. Townsend, John Zahrend, A. Foulk and Chas. Huber constructed, during that year, four splendid two story rooms.

The year following witnessed another fire of no less import to business affairs of Leipsic. On the night of June 23, 1893, fire swept away one hundred and forty two feet of the business houses of the town, entailing a loss of many thousands of dollars, but again the spirit of triumph rose, and before that year had closed Messrs. A. Stechschulte, Leonard Woods, John Keuper, Edwards Brothers, and Dr. J. D. Timmermann had constructed and were occupying eight modern business rooms.

The year 1894 did not pass without a contribution to the improvements of Leipsic. During the summer of that year H. H. Lampe erected the handsome building on the northwest corner of Main and Pearl streets, and Messrs. O. E. Townsend and John Zahrends erected an opera house; both buildings surpassed all former efforts, and were monuments to the enterprise of their builders. This year also witnessed the erection of the elegant implement room of Lewis & Alford.

The year 1895 was heralded in with the spirit of improvement still trending upward, but scarcely had its welcome sounded when the citizens of the town were awakened to behold the most disastrous fire in its history. This time the handsome new opera house block, A. J. Lowry's drug store and the building occupied by Clark & Salbreiter were swept away, entailing great loss, especially to O. E. Townsend & Co., whose loss reached $14,000. For a time the hopes of the most sanguine drooped and a cloud hung over the future, but the spirit of triumph again rose and before the first anniversary of the great fire the public will behold the entire burned district covered by buildings far exceeding their predecessors.

A. J. Lowry has completed and is now occupying the finest drug building in the county. Charles Huber has completed a handsome three story building, and it is now occupied by Clark & Salbreiter's restaurant. O. E. Townsend & Co. are now erecting on the sight of their former building one of the handsomest opera houses in the State.

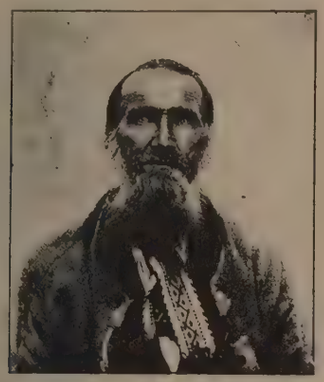
In addition to the improvements just mentioned, D. G. Leffler has erected a hotel at a cost of $15,000, thus dedicating to the town an emblem of architectural progress and a monument to his memory. The same gentleman has also constructed, on east Defiance street, one of the handsomest residences in the county. Frank Smith has erected a very neat and modern three story building just east of the new hotel and is now occupying the same with his meat market.

In 1893 a petition was presented to the County Commissioners praying for an outlet for the northeastern portion of the town. This prayer was granted and in 1894 the outlet was constructed, commencing on the west side of Belmore and in the center of South street to the D. & M. R. R. with twenty inch sewer pipe; thence eastward to the east line of the corporation, and then northeasterly about 500 feet to the south line of right of way of the N. Y. C. & St. L. R. R. with twenty-four inch sewer pipe. From that point a large open ditch was constructed to Yellow Creek.

Thus is Leipsic and her progression. No local disaster or national stress has yet been able to check the impetus of her progression; and with the candle of improvement still burning she looks forward to the day when she can mingle with cities of the third rank.

ABRAM BAUGHMAN.

Mr. Abram Baughman was born May 3, 1809, at Dover, Pennsylvania; removed with his parents to Stark county, Ohio, when about twelve years of age, his father being one of the pioneers of that county, and the first actual settler in the township that now bears his name. Father Baughman was married to Jane Boke in 1834 and at once moved with his young wife to the wilds of Putnam county, settling on the farm just east of where Leipsic now stands. He was the first white settler in the township. Here amid one unbroken forest abounding in swamps and marshes, with no neighbor except the red man, he and his



ABRAM BAUGHMAN.

wife began the battle of life with courageous hearts and willing hands. The beautiful farm they cleared and improved was the reward of their untiring zeal and industry.

Mr. Baughman was the prime mover in the organization of Van Buren township, giving his bond to the county commissioners to secure the county against loss in case of a failure to organize the township. He succeeded, and to him the township owes a debt of gratitude for his unremitting efforts in securing the organization of the township and paving the way to progress. On February 18, 1843, at his house was held the first township election. At this election he was chosen as a member of the first board of trustees of the township.

There were sixteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. Baughman, eight of whom are still living.

Mr. Baughman became a member of the M. E. church in 1845 and was a faithful member of that church up to the time of his

MRS. ABRAM BAUGHMAN.

death, which occurred August 25, 1880, at his home in Leipsic, he having removed from the farm in 1870.

Mrs. Baughman was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, December 26, 1811, and died at her home August 24, 188 She, too, had joined the M. E. church when young, having been a faithful member for forty-eight years.

The endurance of the many privations and arduous struggles to raise a large family in those pioneer times vanished away to nothingness to Mrs. Baughman when, on the call of President Lincoln for troops to protect the stars and stripes of our flag, five of her sons, whom she had so kindly nurtured from the cradle to manhood, enlisted in the cause of their country. They were:

O. P. Baughman, Co. D, 21st O. V. I. Taken prisoner September 20, 1863, at the Battle of Chicamauga. His last letter to his relatives is presented on this page.

Theo. J. Baughman, Co. D, 21st O. V. I. Was drowned June 3, 1863, in the Elk river while in the service.

A. W. Baughman, Co. D, 21st O. V. I. Served four years. Died in Birmingham, Alabama, since the war.

J. K. Baughman, 87th O. V. I.

Isaac J. Baughman, Co. I, 88th O. V. I. Served during entire war.

Below we copy a letter written by O. P. Baughman when he was in the Andersonville Prison, to his brother-in law. George Askam, and his sister Sabilla. This was the last letter or word his relatives ever received from him:

ANDERSONVILLE, March, 27, 1864

Friend George:

Now for a few words to you. I am well, living in Georgia a prisoner, and that is bad enough, aint it? for prisoners have hard times everywhere, living on Johnnie grub. George, I sent some time ago for a box; I still want it very bad, and hope you will aid in sending it soon. I gave father a list of what I wanted; I will add a little more. I have the scurvey bad by having nothing sour. So send me some horse radish in tin boxes, some thread to mend my clothes, pair of shears and a knife of some kind. The cooking bucket that I sent for can be one half smaller—four quarts—a little soap. George, I would write often if I had something to write on. I had to give my rations to get this, so you can't think hard of me. You write what you like and it will be all right. Tell me all the news, where John is and —— Fike. I will give you a full list of what I want for fear you did not get the other: One ham dried and covered, one cheese not cut, for they spoil cut. The bucket of butter and 10 lbs. of salt, one small frying pan, some dried beef in one side of the box and that well packed with beans, some coffee, tea, sugar, 3 lbs. pepper, 2 pair socks, some kind of an old Bible, and newspapers from the time of our capture. Tell Crist to send them, for he takes pains to have the news. Tell him I said so, and some medicine if you can pack it any way at all. Something to cleanse the blood. * * * my hide is as rough as a poor cow's in the spring of the year. Some writing material to write to all of you. That side of the box well packed with dried fruit. Now do as I tell you. Make it in two parts and put hoops on it and loops on the ends to handle it. Put things in dry and tight and not anything that wont stand six weeks' shipping. I need it or I would not call on you for the favor—so great a one. I mean all my friends that will take a part in it. I can't write much this time, but I will say, if I live to get out of this place I will know how to appreciate home and friends. I don't see what reason our people don't let us ont of this place. We are in out doors camp this summer; very hot. James Lowry died some time ago with the scurvey at this place, Sabilla.

Direct, O. P. BAUGHMAN, Co. D, 21st Ohio Infantry,
Andersonville, Camp Sumpter, Ga.
Confederate States.
In care of Capt. H. Wirts, Commanding Prison

P S—Sabilla; remember your brother, so I will say to mother, I can't write to you, but I think of my kind friends often since I have got in this predicament. No one can tell only those that have to [stand] it when you are deprived of your liberty. You are in a manner dead; had better be.

O. P. BAUGHMAN.

JAMES K BAUGHMAN.

The subject of this sketch, a son of Abram and Jane Boke Baughman, was born February 5, 1845, on his father's farm east of Leipsic. His only opportunity for an education was such only as could be had at the then poorly equipped country schools. Attending school a few months during the winter time, he worked upon his father's farm until he arrived at his majority.

He was married to Emma Foulk, of Hancock county, April 5, 1866. Mrs. Baughman was born June 21, 1846. To them were born two children; Eva May, September 27, 1868, died December 20, 1885; William Rush, October 22, 1873.

Mr. Baughman served as treasurer seven years and trustee two years, in Palmer township of this county, he having moved to that township in 1873, where he lived ten years, when he returned to Leipsic. He served as Township Trustee two years in Van Buren township, and was a member of the school board of Leipsic six years, being the president of that board five years. He was also a member of the village council of Leipsic six years.

To the call of the President for more troops. Mr. Baughman responded by enlisting in May, 1862, in the 87th O. V. I. He, with 12,000 Union soldiers, was taken prisoner at Harper's Ferry, September 15, 1862, but was paroled the next day. He

JAMES K. BAUGHMAN.

served with his company until they were mustered out in October, 1862, the term of enlistment having expired in August of that year.

WILLIAM RUSH BAUGHMAN.

Rush, as he is familiarly known, the only child now living of James K. and Emma (Foulk) Baughman, was born October 22, 1873, in Van Buren township of this county.

He graduated with first honors in 1892 in the High School of Leipsic, and in the following year entered Oberlin College,

WILLIAM RUSH BAUGHMAN.

where he remained two years. In the fall of 1894 he entered the University of Michigan, where he remained until the close of the year and where he expects to complete his collegiate course.

Mr. Baughman is a fine specimen of manhood and fond of athletic exercises for recreation. He won the gold medal on the Athletic Field Day of the University of Michigan, of 1894, in the sprinting contest.

DR. G. W. BAUGHMAN.

The subject of this sketch is a member of a family known as one of the oldest and most progressive families of Putnam county. He was born on the old Baughman homestead east of Leipsic, October 15, 1850. In his youth he attended country school, where he gained a fair education, afterward completing the same by several terms at the Ada Normal school and Oberlin College.

For several years he followed the calling of a Buckeye school-

master in the country schools of Putnam county, and in 1876 he began the study of medicine with Dr. E. J. Reed, of Leipsic, after which he attended the Louisville Medical College, of Louisville, Ky., graduating from this college with highest honors in 1879. He then began the practice of his profession, and during the interim of that date and this writing he has very successfully practiced his profession in the cities of Atlanta,

G. W. BAUGHMAN.

Savannah and Augusta, Georgia, being located in the last named city at present, where he enjoys the patronage of the highest class in that progressive southern city.

In 1895, becoming desirous of better fitting himself for the highest scientific principles of his profession, he became a student in and graduate of The Post Clinical Institute, of New York City.

Dr. Baughman has always enjoyed a lucrative practice and now enjoys a comfortable fortune.

DR. H. C. RULE.

This brilliant young physician was born December 4, 1864, in the village of West Point, Morrow county, Ohio. He spent his early years on a farm and in the country schools until 1879 when he moved with his father to Michigan, where he followed farming and lumbering until 1885, when he returned to Morrow county, Ohio, where he worked on a farm in the summer and attended school in the winter until 1889, in which year he graduated from the high school of Edison, Morrow county, Ohio. The

H. C. RULE.

year following he began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. J. H. Jackson, of Edison, and devoted the next year of his time to teaching school and studying medicine. He had followed school teaching at various times prior to 1890.

In 1891 he entered the Pulte Medical College of Cincinnati, from which institution he graduated March 29, 1894. On the 4th day of May, 1894, he purchased the practice and good will of Dr. George A. Light, of Leipsic, and on November 1, 1894, he formed a partnership with Dr. George A. Light and they began the practice of medicine under the firm name of Light & Rule.

Dr. Rule was married to Miss Anna Morr, of Columbus Grove, Ohio, on July 18, 1894, and two children have been born to them,—Neal Clifton, born June 16, 1895, died July 28, 1895; Neva J., born June 16, 1895.

Dr. Rule is a fine specimen of a self made man, the possessor of unceasing energy and thoroughly devoted to the practice of his profession.

JOHN P. RAMPE.

The subject of this sketch is a product of that prosperous old German town, Glandorf, at which place he was born June 29, 1867, and is the son of Wm. Rampe, Sr., the pioneer boot and shoe man of Putnam county. He attended school at his native town, only ceasing when he had reached the limit of education her schools afforded, and in 1885 he farther completed his education by taking a full course in the Nelson Business College, at Cincinnati, Ohio.

He then returned to Putnam county and worked three years for his brothers, Frank B. Rampe, of Leipsic, and Wm. Rampe, of Ottawa, in their boot and shoe store. He had learned this trade while young with his father, and his aptness proved so great

JOHN P. RAMPE'S SHOE STORE.

that at the expiration of this three years service he secured the position of manager of the boot and shoe department of J. Munch & Co., East Toledo, which position he filled one year, and then resigned to accept a position with The Simonds Boot and Shoe Company, of Toledo, as traveling salesman. He remained in this position two years, when he resigned, and forming a partnership with his brother, Frank B. Rampe, engaged in the boot and shoe business at North Baltimore. He ably conducted this store two and one half years, when they sold the North Baltimore store, dissolved partnership and he purchased the boot and shoe store of Frank B. Rampe, in Leipsic, the latter gentleman having moved to Cincinnati and engaged in the same business on a larger scale.

On the 25th of October, 1894, John P. Rampe assumed control of the Leipsic store, and time has demonstrated that the loss occasioned by the removal of Frank B. Rampe has been supplied in the person of his brother, John P.

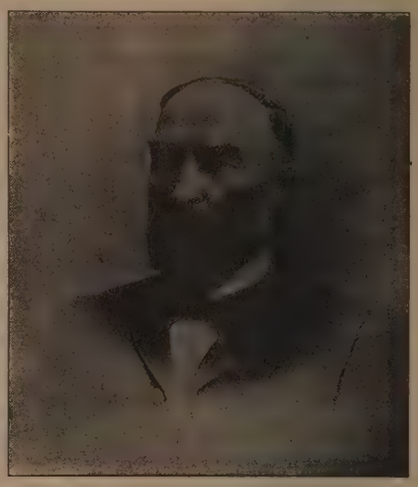
DR. JOHN C M'CLUNG.

It is a pleasure to record the biography of an individual when you know that those who read it and comment upon it will corroborate, in perfect harmony, your highest words of praise of the life and deeds of the individual represented.

Dr. John C. McClung, one of the leading physicians and citizens of Putnam county, was born on a farm in Eden township, Seneca county, Ohio, on the 26th day of January, 1843. He received his education in the district school of his native township and the high school of Findlay, Ohio, in which last named school he spent the year 1863, and in 1864 and 1865 he studied under his brother, Col. D. W. McClung, of Cincinnati, as tutor, and also attended commercial college in Cincinnati.

In 1866 he located in Leipsic and began the study of medicine, but abandoned this study soon after on account of the time and responsibility required in the management of his father's estate, which duty had devolved on him at the time of his father's death in 1867 The next three years were spent in teaching school and settling his father's estate. He had followed teaching prior to this time in the district schools of Hancock and Putnam counties, and was the first teacher in the public schools of Leipsic.

In 1870 he resumed the study of medicine with Dr. C. E. Tupper, of Ottawa, as preceptor, and in 1873 was graduated



JOHN C. M'CLUNG

from the medical department of the Western Reserve University, of Cleveland, Ohio. He at once began the practice of his profession in Leipsic and has ever since ranked as one of the leading physicians of Putnam county, and now ranks among the oldest practitioners of his profession in the county.

Although a Republican, living in a strong Democratic precinct, Dr. McClung has been almost continually in public service during the past eighteen years. He served as a member of the Leipsic council from 1878 to 1884, and as Mayor of Leipsic from 1885 to 1889, and since 1878, excepting three years, he has served in some official capacity in connection with the public schools of Leipsic. He was postmaster of Leipsic from May 1, 1885, to September, 1885, and from April, 1890, to May, 1894.

At this writing he is again filling the office of Mayor of Leipsic, having been appointed by the village council to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Capt. S. B. Webber. He is also president of the Leipsic school board.

Dr. McClung is a life-long member of the United Presbyterian church, having been a ruling elder in that church for many years, but the shibboleths of parties or sects do not enter into the formation of his estimate of character, truth or duty. He has little love for the religion which, while it leads its possessors to pay tithes of mint and anise, "and cummin," does not lead them to observe such "weightier matters" as charity and fairness in judgment and dealing.

He is a member of several medical societies, among which we mention: The North-Western Ohio, The Ohio State Medical, and the American Medical Association of Railway Surgeons.

He was married in 1868 to Sarah Margaret Newlin, daughter of Nathan and Elizabeth (Funk) Newlin, of Liberty township, this county, and to them the following children have been born: David Albert, born January 27, 1869; Anna, October 17, 1870; John Brown, January 23, 1872, died March 24, 1895; Nathan Boyd, February 25, 1874; Robert Clark, September 23, 1876, died October 5, 1877; William Hattley and Sarah, twins, March 19, 1878; Elizabeth, February 12, 1880; James D., March 10, 1882; Charles Harvey, July 10, 1885, and a son and daughter who died in early infancy.

W. W. EDWARDS.

A successful man who is the architect of his own fortune, a citizen who has the interests of his town at heart, a responsible individual who becomes enthusiastic at the mention of creditable

W. W. EDWARDS.

improvements to the extent of contributing of his own energy and means, and a great banker, is certainly a creditable part of the highest social and progressive element of any town.

Such qualifications are imbued in the personage of W. W. Edwards, who was born in Licking county, Ohio, December 19, 1847, When fourteen years of age he moved with his father to Putnam county, settling on a farm east of Leipsic. Here he attended country school and assisted in farming until seventeen years of age, when he began teaching school during the winter season and worked on the farm during the summer.

This occupation he continued until twenty three years of age, when, becoming possessor of farming interests of his own, he engaged in the stock business, which, with the management of his farms, occupied his energies for the next twelve years.

In 1882 he moved to Leipsic and engaged in the hardware business as a member of the firm of Edwards Bros. He also purchased interests in the stave business of Lenhart & Edwards, and in 1886 he became one of the organizers and chief promoters of the now famous Buckeye Stave Company.

In 1887 his company purchased the Bank of Leipsic and he as-

JOSEPH EDWARDS.

sumed control and has continued in this capacity until the present time, having made this bank one of the leading private banks in the state. He has continued an active member of the Buckeye Stave Company since its organization, and to his energy and judgment this company is greatly indebted for its marked success.

Mr. Edwards has served several terms on the Leipsic council and has ranked among the first and chief promoters of our finest public improvements. He is married and has five children, four of which are living at home, and one married to Dr. B. J. Emery, of Defiance, Ohio.

THE BUCKEYE STAVE COMPANY.

In 1886, with but little pretentions or ceremony, there was organized in the village of Leipsic a manufacturing concern whose growth has been so marvelous as to surprise even the highest ambitions of its promoters. The Buckeye Stave Company was organized in this year with a paid up capital stock of $50,000. At the time of its organization the company controlled three factories, located at Leipsic, Columbus Grove and Continental, and employed about 100 men.

The original members of the organization were Messrs. John and W. W. Edwards, I. N. Bushong, J. S. Lenhart and D. L. Critten, all of whom were residents of Leipsic. The year following, 1887, this company purchased the Bank of Leipsic.

In 1890 they built the factory at Pleasant Bend, Ohio. In 1891 they built two mills, one at Kalida and one at Avis, Ohio, and in 1892 they purchased the stave factory at Elm Center, and in the same year they located a large factory at Mancelona,

BANK OF LEIPSIC.

Michigan, but removed this during 1894 to Gladstone, Mich. In 1891 they organized the Bank of Continental.

Thus in the short space of nine years this company has grown from the owners of three mills employing about 100 men, with a pay roll of $35,000 per year, to be owners of seven large mills and two banks, giving employment to 1,000 persons, with a pay roll of $175,000 per annum, and a paid up capital stock of $530,000.

In addition to their large stave and banking interests the company now owns about 8,000 acres of land, nearly 3,000 of which is located in Putnam, Henry and Defiance counties, Ohio. A large portion of their Ohio lands are improved and a conservative estimate of its average value is fifty dollars per acre. Their other lands are located in the vicinity of Gladstone, Michigan, and are heavily timbered.

In 1888 the interests of Messrs. Lenhart and Critten were purchased, and in 1893 J. H. Edwards purchased a one-fourth interest and the stock of the company is now owned by John, W. W., and J. H. Edwards and I. N. Bushong.

As a company it ranks first of its kind in the world. It has grown beyond comparison. It has been liberal to its employes. It has been fair in its dealings. It has contributed liberally to public and private improvements, and it stands today in the full confidence of the business world.

JOHN EDWARDS.

Occupying an exalted position in the business, religious and citizens' record of Northwestern Ohio, and holding his own en-

JOHN EDWARDS.

ergies and judgment accountable for this position, the subject of this biography is a fitting type of the self made man.

John Edwards, son of Thomas W. and Isabella Houston Edwards, was born on a farm in Licking county, Ohio, January 27, 1850. He moved with his father to Morrow county in 1858, and from there to Putnam county in 1861, where his father located on a farm in Section 27, Van Buren township, and on this farm our subject gained those rudiments of character and industry which so mark his after life.

He followed the calling of a farmer until 1878, when he purchased interests in the stave business with Messrs. Henry and Jonas Lenhart, and continued in this partnership until 1886, when together with W. W. Edwards, I. N. Bushong, J. S. Lenhart and D. L. Critten he organized the Buckeye Stave Company, an organization which has brought both wealth and fame to its members.

In 1889 the interests of J. S. Lenhart and D. L. Critten were purchased and J. H. Edwards became a member. In 1887 this company purchased the Bank of Leipsic of Alvin Rosecrans, and John Edwards became its president, a capacity he has filled with marked ability.

Mr. Edwards was married August 21, 1873, to Miss Mary E. Lenhart, daughter of Henry Lenhart, and to them have

ISAAC N. BUSHONG.

been born four children: Henry C., born June 10, 1874, now attending school in New York City; Thomas C., born November 10, 1876, now a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University

at Delaware, Ohio; W. E. and O. P., (twins) born November 4, 1881, now students in the Leipsic high school.

He has long been an active member of the Methodist church and to his liberal contributions and earnest endeavor this religious organization in Leipsic is indebted for that progress so marked in its history.

The writer feels secure in stating that no citizen of Putnam county outside the realm of business chance, and within the lines of legitimate methods, has attained greater success. He is public spirited in the highest sense and every legitimate enterprise or public improvement, tending towards the advancement of Leipsic, receives his ready support.

JOSEPH H. EDWARDS.

Forming an important factor in the management of the vast interests of the Buckeye Stave Company and the progressive spirit of Leipsic is Mr. Joseph Edwards, youngest son of Thomas W. and Isabella Houston Edwards, and junior member of his company.

Joseph Edwards was born on a farm in Licking county, Ohio, October 13, 1852, and like his two older brothers, is possessed of that business ability which wins success.

He moved, with his father, to Putnam county in 1861 and spent the early years of his life on a farm, where he remained until 1880, when he moved to Leipsic and engaged in the grocery and drug businsss with Mr. E. J. Lenhart, under the firm name of Lenhart, Edwards & Co. He continued in this business two years, when he disposed of his interest and immediately engaged in the hardware business in company with H. B. Rose; but Mr. Rose's interests were soon purchased by John and W. W. Edwards, and the firm name became Edwards Bros. J. H. Edwards had full management of this store until June 23, 1893, on which date the second great fire of Leipsic destroyed the famous store, and with that event he purchased a one-fourth interest in the Buckeye Stave Company and has since been actively engaged in the management of that concern.

In 1888 he purchased an interest in the Bank of Leipsic. Mr. Edwards has contributed some of the finest private improvements to Leipsic.

In 1889 he completed a modern residence on the corner of Defiance and Poplar street at a cost of $6,500, and after the fire of 1893, in company with Messrs. Byron Folk and S. E. Perry, he constructed one of the finest business blocks ever built in the town.

He is an enthusiastic supporter of all legitimate public improvements and his name will be found among the first in petitions and subscriptions to accomplish this object.

He was united in marriage December 24, 1874, to Miss Mary Folk, daughter of Lorenzo Folk, one of Putnam county's leading farmers, (now retired) and to them have been born four children: Flossie, born November 28, 1875; May, born February 11, 1879; Serge, born April 25, 1883; Helen, born August 29, 1893.

ISAAC N. BUSHONG.

The subject of this sketch was born two miles north of Columbus Grove, Ohio, September 18, 1855. He is the eldest son of John and Sarah Bushong, who at the time of his birth were living on a farm, and his early youth was spent between farm labor and attending country school. Before young Isaac had reached his majority his parents moved to Columbus Grove and he received the advantage of a year's schooling at the public schools of that town.

After this he taught one term of school but did not fancy that calling, and after further fitting himself for a business life by taking a course in the Toledo Business College, showing such aptness as to complete a three months' course in six weeks, he turned his attention to railroading by learning telegraphy, but being exceedingly ambitious he came to regard this as too slow a means of building a way to fortune, and in 1881 he abandoned it and became interested with Messrs. Lenhart and Edwards, of Leipsic, in the manufacture of staves, and continued in this partnership, being located at Columbus Grove, until 1886, when he became one of the original organizers of the Buckeye Stave Company, and from that time to this he has displayed most remarkable energy and business ability, and has been one of the chief instruments in placing his company on its enviable plane of success and in making the largest stave company in the world.

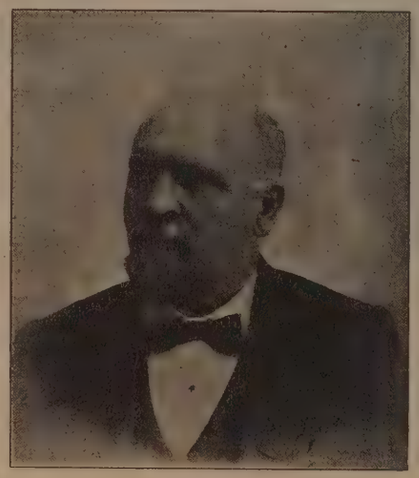
On February 2, 1882, Mr. Bushong was united in marriage to MissAlice Scott, of Ada, Ohio, who was then teaching school at Columbus Grove. To this union four children have been born—Paul, born October 10, 1883; Lena, born March —, 1885; Helen and Juno, both of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Bushong is a lady of rare attainments and has done much to advance the interests of her husband. Mr. Bushong and his family now reside at Gladstone, Michigan, where he has personal charge of the largest single factory of his company, which they located there in 1894.

During his residence in Leipsic Mr. Bushong proved himself a most worthy citizens and an earnest christian. He labored to elevate society. A great business man, he has helped make the name of Leipsic known through all the country. The most active man in the largest company of its kind in the world, he has accumulated for himself a comfortable fortune without losing the respect of any and gaining admiration of all.

JACOB WERNER.

We are about to record the biography of an individual who stands in the front ranks of Putnam county's professional men, an individual who, beginning life under humble circumstances, has by his own energies carved his way to a plane of success and honorable recognition.

Jacob Werner was born near Sandyville, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, August 20, 1839. Attended school at Oberlin and Carey



JACOB WERNER.

and taught several terms prior to 1861, in which year he located at Leipsic, and in partnership with A. Foulk he engaged in the mercantile business. This partnership continued until the spring of 1863, when he was appointed station agent for the Dayton & Michigan Railroad Co., at Leipsic, retaining this office until 1878, a period of fifteen years.

In 1867 he formed a partnership with R. C. O'Donald in the hardware business, and continued in this business until 1882. Mr. Werner served as postmaster of Leipsic from 1863 to 1881. He was admitted to the bar as an attorney at law in 1878, and since 1882 has devoted his entire time and energies to the practice of his profession.

In 1888 Mr. Werner served as a Presidential elector from the Fifth Congressional District, and he has served as solicitor for the village of Leipsic since 1884, and is now filling that position with credit to himself and the town.

While yet in the prime of life he now finds himself in possession of the confidence and patronage of a long list of clients and a host of friends, jubilant over the prospects of his future.

In 1862 Mr. Werner was married to P. C. Eastman, and they now have two children—Edith, born August 15, 1879; John, May 30, 1882.

GEORGE C. SHIFFER.

The subject of this sketch was born in the village of Seven Mile, Butler county, Ohio, on the 18th day of October, 1847. he attended the village school of that place until May 1, 1864. when, at the age of sixteen, he entered the service as a member of the 167th O. V. I. and was honorably discharged during the latter part of September on account of expiration of service.

In 1867 Mr. Shiffer moved to Indiana, where he engaged in the mercantile business until 1874. In March of that year he

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entered the railroad service in the employ of the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago railroad, and was stationed at Valparaiso, Indiana. In October of the same year he moved to Auburn, Indiana, and entered the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad as agent at Auburn, Junction, remaining in this position until September, 1883, and two months later he located in Leipsic, having received a position from the New York, Chicago & St. Louis railroad at this town.

In January, 1887, he was transferred to Bellevue as agent at that place for the same road, and in July of the year following was again transferred to Leipsic as joint agent for the New York, Chicago & St. Louis and the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad companies at Leipsic Junction. He remained in charge of this position until March 3, 1893, when he resigned and devoted his entire attention to the grocery business, having formed a partnership with W. T. Cole two years prior to this time, under the firm name of Shiffer & Cole.

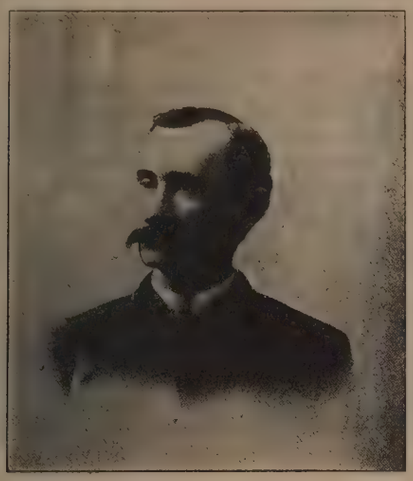
At a special election held December 18, 1894, he was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace by a large majority. In January, 1895 he disposed of his mercantile interests and devoted his entire time to the duties of his office, and to the duties of Corporation Clerk, to which office he was elected April 1, 1895.

He is a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of P., Red Men, and G. A. R. On September 19, 1875, he was married to Laura Swihart, of Auburn, Indiana, and they have two children, W. P., born June 9, 1876; Georgia, (now Mrs. O. P. Fike) born February 16, 1879.

As a citizen, as a friend and as a business man he stands in the highest estimation of all who know him. He has acquitted every charge, both public and private, to the full satisfaction of all concerned, and has gained that class of distinction which will bring laurels and higher trusts in future years.

DR JOSEPH S. EMERY.

Numbered among the leading citizens and professional men of Putnam county; numbered among those who have fought their own way to success, who are the possessors of a comfortable business and a happy family, and numbered among those who are earnestly anxious to elevate the morals, increase the happiness and advance the progress of the human race, is the subject of this sketch.



JOSEPH S. EMERY.

Dr. Emery was born in Carroll county, Ohio, December 29, 1844. He worked on a farm and attended country school during his youth. In 1855 he moved with his parents to Hancock county, and in 1863 became the employe of a ship yard in Lake county, Ohio, and from this county he enlisted in the Union army during the winter of 1864, serving on the iron clad gunboat, Mound City, in the Mississippi river until he received his discharge.

On his return from the army he spent one year in recuperating his health, and then engaged in farming, an occupation he continued until 1883 when he moved to West Leipsic, and in the following year, determining to fit himself for a profession, he moved to Cincinnati and began a course in The Ohio College of Dental Surgery. Two years later he graduated from this college and at once returned to Leipsic and engaged in the practice of his profession. Dr. Emery has conducted this practice ever since upon the most advanced scientific principles and now enjoys an enviable reputation and a long list of patrons.

His character is such as to win for him a high place in the citizenship of Leipsic, and he is now serving on the Leipsic council and school board.

He was married March 11, 1869, to Louisa M. Lowry, of West Leipsic, whose biography accompanies this, and to them have been born two children—Myrtle E., born August 10, 1872, Anna May, born August 12, 1877. Anna May is now a student in Oberlin College.

DR. LOUISA M. EMERY.

Mrs. Louisa M. Emery, daughter of Johnson and Olive A. Lowry, was born in West Leipsic, September 29, 1852, being the first white child born in that town.

Mrs. Emery attended school at West Leipsic public school during her early years, and on March 11, 1869, she was married to Joseph S. Emery, and from 1869 to 1883 she lived on a farm. In the latter year she moved to West Leipsic, and in 1884 she moved with her husband to Cincinnati, Ohio, and became a student of the Eclectic Medical Institute of that city, from which school she graduated in 1886. During her residence in Cincinnati she completed a special course in the optical department of the Pulte Medical College of that city.

In 1887 she began the practice of her profession in Leipsic, being the only lady practitioner in the county. Her success has been marvelous and she can safely be rated among the foremost female doctors of the Buckeye State. She has ever been alert to the advancement of her chosen profession and has held to the idea that, "What is worth doing, is worth doing well." With this opinion prevailing, she has cultivated every creditable discovery of science and has constantly promoted her own knowledge by untiring home study, and as a farther benefit to her practice, in 1894 she took a course in the Post Graduate School, of Chicago.

LOUISA M EMERY.

Apt, and devoted to her profession, earnest and practical in her methods, progressive and attentive in her practice, she possesses all the qualities of a modern physician and is destined to rank among the leading lady physicians and surgeons of the land. She is the possessor of a beautiful home and happy family which, with her large practice, consume all the time of her busy life.

FRANCIS W. UNDERHILL.

Francis W. Underhill was born at Ogdensburg, New York, October 7, 1836, of English descent and New England parentage. He is a descendent of Capt. John Underhill, who came from England in 1632. In 1840, when three years of age, he moved with his father to Brooklyn, Ohio, and from there his family moved to a farm in Ridgeville township, Lorain county, Ohio. Mr. Underhill's father was the pioneer marble man of Lorain county, Ohio, having been the first man to engage in that business in that county.

In the year 1842 they moved to Elyria, Ohio, where he engaged in the marble business. He remained there until 1846, and worked for the father of Senator Jones, of Nevada, when he moved to Monroe, Mich., where he established a marble works, but died soon after and his second son assumed control of his business.

About this time the subject of our sketch returned to La Grange, Lorain county, Ohio, where he lived with his uncle, Dr. George C. Underhill, until 1854, when he located in Piqua, Ohio, and entered the employ of his brother, P. S. Underhill, in his marble works. He remained in this position three years, until he had mastered his trade, then he moved with his brother to Ft. Wayne, Ind., where he worked for his brother as journeyman and salesman. The firm of P. S. Underhill operated four branch stores. They were located at Defiance, Toledo and Upper Sandusky, Ohio, and Warsaw, Ind., and for many years F. W. Underhill had full control and management of these four stores, with headquarters at Defiance five years and Toledo four years.

Prior to the death of P. S. Underhill in 1871, our subject and A. J. Matison purchased the great marble business, but soon after Mr. Matison lost his life in the Chicago fire and the full control and management devolved upon the other partner, and with marked success he conducted the business until 1880, when he sold out to his uncle and moved to Elyria, O., where he engaged in the marble business with a gentleman by the name of James Wooldridge. This partnership continued five years when

F. W. UNDERHILL.

Mr. Underhill purchased the interests of his partner and continued business in that place four years longer, in the meantime opening up branch stores at Leipsic, Ohio, and Ft. Wayne, Ind. During his residence at Elyria he had conducted a leading hotel of that town very successfully.

In 1889 Mr. Underhill sold his Elyria store to his son-in-law, moved his Leipsic branch to Ft. Wayne, Ind., and in the same year located there himself, where he continued until May 18, 1891, when he moved his entire stock to Leipsic, Ohio, where he engaged in the marble business, but soon after added building stone of every description, and he now carries an immense stock of sidewalk stone, cut and wall stone, marble and monuments of every design. He has furnished the stone since that time for many of the finest buildings in Putnam county, among which may be mentioned the Hipkins block and the Catholic parsonage, in Ottawa, and the Methodist church and Opera House block, in Leipsic. He has completed many thousand feet of fine cut stone sidewalk in Leipsic, with universal satisfaction.

Mr. Underhill purchases his stone from the best quarries in Ohio, among which may be mentioned sidewalk stone from Berea, Amherst, Elyria, Grafton, Plymouth, Whitehouse, Puyma and Findlay, and this fact together with his life-long experience and close attention enables him to fill all contracts with the greatest satisfaction.

He has purchased liberally in Leipsic property and has become one of the fixtures of this town, a fact the town may well be and is proud of. He offers the best material, by the most skillful workmen at legitimate competing prices with all.

WILLIAM A. KOBER.

William A. Kober was born on a farm in Blanchard township, Putnam county, Ohio, September 8, 1860. He is the eldest son of George Kober, and at an early age he ably assisted his father in buying and shipping live stock, thus early in life he gained the practical and experimental knowledge of a business education. He attended the country schools and so attentively devoted himself to his studies as to enable him to begin teaching at fifteen years of age. He graduated from the Ottawa High School in the class of 1880.

In 1883 Mr. Kober purchased the hardware stock of Werner & O'Donald, at Leipsic, and continued in that business, with remarkable success, until 1890, when he sold his store and de-

voted his entire time to real estate transactions and the management and improvement of his own and a part of his father's estate.

On October 11, 1883, Mr. Kober married Miss Lizzie O'Boyle, of Ottawa, who died May 15, 1886; and on October 18, 1888, he married Miss Gertrude A. Simonds, who was born September

WILLIAM A. KOBER.

17, 1869, and is the daughter of George Simonds, a well known and highly esteemed farmer of Van Buren township, this county.

Mr. Kober filled the office of Clerk of Van Buren township for two terms and was clerk of the village of Leipsic nine years. Every trust, both public and private, he has discharged with universal satisfaction. His name will ever be linked with the rapid progress of Leipsic, as he has contributed many of her finest and most substantial improvements, and at a time when her future was held in a balance.

JOHN S. ESELY.

J. S. Esely, the Leipsic jeweler and one of the town's most honorable and prospective young business men, was born in Loudonville, Ohio, June 10, 1867, where he attended school until 1882.

At nine years of age he began learning the jewelry trade with his father, remaining with him and attending school until his father's death in 1882, after which time he settled up his father's

JOHN S. ESELY.

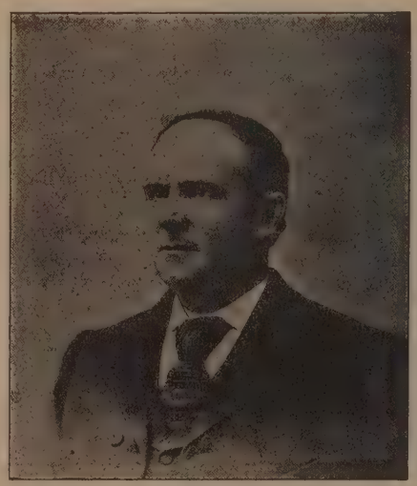
estate and on July 1, 1884, went to La Grange, Ind., and worked at his trade in that place two years, when he returned to Loudonville and followed his trade there for the next year.

In 1887 he located in McComb, Ohio, where he remained until June 1, 1891, continuing to work in the jewelry business. On the above date he came to Leipsic and on the 17th of the same month engaged in the jewelry business in this place. During his four years of residence here he has been found an exemplary citizen, and his business, with its able and efficient management, has proven a creditable addition to the business directory of Leipsic. His store is located in the east room of the Union Block with F. J. Maehlmann, and here the public will find a first-class merchant with first-class goods.

GEORGE GORES.

Among the self-made, substantial and progressive business men of Putnam county the subject of this article is entitled to a high position.

Mr. Gores was born October 23, 1850, at Huscheid, Rhein Province, Prussia. He attended the schools of his native country and worked on a farm until 1881, when in July of that year he came to America, locating at Fremont, Ohio. He remained at the latter place two years, then moved to Auburn, Indiana, where he engaged in the tubular well business, continuing in this business in the vicinity of Auburn two years. He then moved to New Bavaria, Henry county, Ohio, where he remained until April, 1886, when he moved to Leipsic and soon established himself in an extensive well drilling and wind pump business, a business he has since continued with marked success and satisfaction.



GEORGE GORES.

He is the pioneer of that business in this section and his operations have extended over DeKalb and Steuben counties, Ind., and Putnam, Henry, Hancock, Defiance and Paulding counties, O. No man in his line of business in this country has conducted a larger business or been more successful, or received more universal endorsement.

He has proved himself an exemplary and progressive citizen, and as such he has been recognized by his fellow townsmen. In 1887 he was elected a member of the Leipsic council, and in 1889 was re elected. He now owns and lives in one of the handsomest residences in Leipsic, on South Eastom street, a cut of which we present to the reader.

Mr. Gores was a partner in the Leipsic Machine Works the years 1892–3, and during this time displayed remarkable abilities for management. Selling his interest in this he now devotes his entire time to drilling wells, erecting wind pumps, managing an extensive agency for the sale of agricultural implements and vehicles and managing one of Putnam county's banner farms, which he owns and it is located one mile southwest of Leipsic. He purchased this farm of eighty acres when it was in a dilapidated condition, but his energy has been so untiring that it now ranks as one of the best improved farms in the State. In 1889 he erected a good farm residence, and in 1895 a large, modern barn on the farm. These with other substantial improvements in the way of judicious and complete under-draining, fencing, clearing and good farming, make it one of the best kept and best improved farms in the county.

Mr. Gores was married to Mary Hoffman, of New Bavaria, Ohio, November 19, 1885, and she has proved an able assistant to the business undertakings of her husband. Mrs. Gores was born in Nachsheim, Rhein Province, Prussia, December 21, 1860, and came to this country with her parents when seven

GEORGE GORES' RESIDENCE.

years old. They have four children—John G., born August 27, 1886; Anna S., born March 14, 1888; Katie M., born May 12, 1891; Eva R., born July 18, 1894.

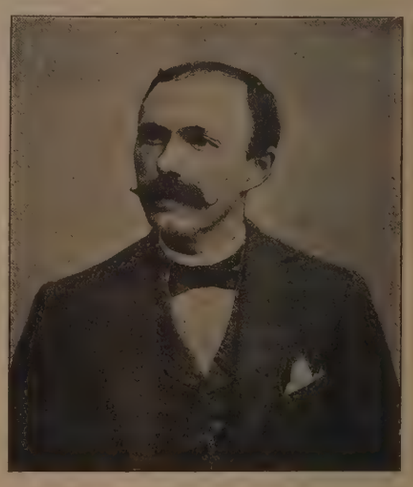
Mr. Gores is industrious, frugal, energetic and honorable; he has fought his own way to business success, and while yet a young man, enjoys the full confidence of the community. He is an earnest and devoted member of the Catholic church and subscribes liberally to the progress of his denomination.

F. J. MAEHLMANN.

The highest eulogium which can be accorded to any private citizen of this country is to charge him with being a good citizen and furnish proof to substantiate your charge.

We here enter this charge against our subject and offer the testimony of any and every responsible citizen who has formed his acquaintance.

F. J. Maehlmann was born January 27, 1854, in Cappelan, Germany, where he attended school until sixteen years of age. He then learned the trade of a shoemaker with his father, remaining in this position until April 1871. Twenty-six days later



F. J. MAEHLMANN.

he bid adieu to his native country and embarked on the steamer Baltimore for America, landing at Baltimore, Md., May 14th of the same year. He turned his face westward, locating in Cincinnati, where he remained until June 13, and then came to Ottawa, where he worked at his trade one year, when he returned

to Cincinnati and worked at his trade until June 1, 1873, on which date he returned to Ottawa.

On April 1, 1874, he formed a partnership with his brother, William Maehlmann, and engaged in the boot and shoe business in Leipsic.

This partnership continued until February 10, 1881, when he purchased the interest of his brother and since that date has been conducting the same business with marked success, until now he has the honor of being one of the oldest as well as one of the most reliable continuous merchants of Putnan county, and his store has had the longest life of any store in this line in the county.

Mr. Maehlmann was married April 17, 1877, to Miss Elizabeth Laubenthal, of Ottawa, and to this union four children were born: Julia Etta, born January 8, 1880; Harry Nelson, born August 12, 1881, (now deceased); Eda Elizabeth, born July 8, 1888; Clara Isabella, born December 31, 1886.

On December 7, 1890, Mrs. Elizabeth Maehlmann died, and on September 12, 1893, Mr. Maehlmann was remarried to Miss Margreth Gores, of Fremont, Ohio, and to them have been born two children: Helen Gertrude, born July 8, 1894; Louisa Mary, December 15, 1895.

Through Mr. Maehlmann's close attention to business and judicious investments in Leipsic property, he has amassed a comfortable fortune, and now enjoys the highest esteem of his fellowmen. He is a life long, devout and active member of the Catholic church.

A. STECHSCHULTE.

To comprehend the full extent of the business qualifications and meritorious success of the subject of this sketch, would lead out of the real and into the imaginary. August Stechschulte was born on a farm near the prosperous village of Glandorf,

A. STECHSCHULTE.

Ottawa township, Putnam county, Ohio, in December, 1862. There he spent the early years of his life, fitting himself while young with a good book and business education. He entered the battlefield of life dependent upon his own energies as an armor. Mr. Stechschulte learned the merchant tailor trade and began business in this line in Leipsic in 1884. Soon after locating in Leipsic he received the appointment as assistant sergeant at arms of the Sixty-Sixth General Assembly of Ohio, under the administration of George Hoadley. After filling this position with great credit to himself and the office, he returned to Leipsic and resumed his business on a larger scale. About this time in his career Mr. Stechschulte married the estimable daughter of Wm. Rampe, Sr., of Glandorf, Ohio, and he now has one of the happiest families in Putnam county, consisting of himself, his wife and three children. There is nothing lacking in the character and ability of our subject to win success, and at the end of eleven busy years he now stands in full possession of that much coveted position, enjoying a remunerative trade bounded only by the limits of Northwestern Ohio. In June, 1893, Mr. Stechschulte suffered a heavy loss by fire, when his building, with many others, was burned to the ground. But with the stamp of a Leipsic hustler indelibly printed upon his energies, he arose to the occasion and within nine months had constructed on the site of the ruins one of the most substantial and handsomest business rooms in the county, a cut of which we hereby present to our readers.

In this commodious room the purchasing public will find the most complete line of piece goods, gents' furnishings, ready-made clothing, and genial, accommodating and painstaking proprietor and clerks. He now gives steady employment to nine people. As a citizen Mr. Stechschulte stands in the front rank, being ever ready to lend a helping hand to all legitimate enterprises and improvements tending towards the advancement of his town and county. Owing to this fact he is seldom free from public trust, having been elected Clerk of Van Buren township

STECHSCHULTE'S CLOTHING STORE.

in 1888, and a member of the Leipsic council in 1891; re elected in 1893. During his terms of service in the last named office, Leipsic received her most substantial improvements in the way of good sewers, paved streets, stone sidewalks, steam fire engine, etc., which improvements were made to the entire satisfaction of the tax-paying public and are marked monuments to the progress of this growing village, and perpetual emblems to the genius of our subject. Mr. Stechschulte is still a young man —all the possibilities of a lifetime are before him. No eulogism can speak too highly of his past, no prediction foretell the limit of his future, but we will say that to whatever plane of success Leipsic or Putnam county may attain, inseparably linked to their progress will be the name and energies of August Stechschulte.

T. F. HUMMON.

Mr. Hummon was born in Liberty township, Putnam county, Ohio, August 17, 1868. He is a son of our well known citizen, Adam Hummon.

He was married November 29, 1888, to Miss Sarah E. Mack, daughter of Christ. Mack, Esq., of Liberty township. To this marriage was born one daughter, Edith May Hummon, on April 22, 1893. Mr. Hummon moved to Leipsic, December 1, 1890,

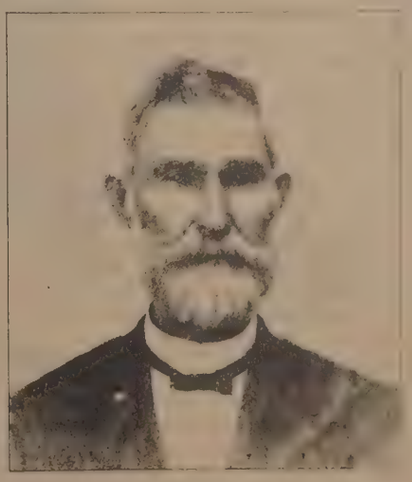
T. F. HUMMON.

and engaged in the hardware business, which he carried on until quite recently, when he became interested in the hardware and agricultural implement trade with Pfister & Co., in which he is now engaged.

Coming of one of the solid and substantial families of the county Mr. Hummon, though still young, has shown by his career that he is one of the active, rustling business men of the county.

JAMES H. SMITH.

The subject of this sketch, son of James H. and Martha (Davis) Smith, was born in Knox county, Ohio, August 28,



JAMES H. SMITH.

1818. He moved to this county in 1842, having visited the county with his father in 1837, when the land, on which he

afterward settled and made one of the most beautiful farms of the county, was entered.

His wife, Harriet, who survives him and is now living on the farm with a son and daughter, is a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Todd) Todd, who came to this county from Seneca county, Ohio, in 1834, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio. They were married in this county in April, 1844, and had seven children, six of whom are living; Lafayette N., born October 14, 1849; Maria L., August 14, 1852; Kossuth, March 13, 1855; Julia R., May 15, 1858; Jefferson D., December 12, 1862; Annie C., October 11, 1868.

Mr. Smith was Land Appraiser for Liberty, Ottawa and Pleasant townships in 1853; County Auditor from 1857 to 1861; County Commissioner from 1878 to 1881, and from 1888 to the time of his death, which occurred November 24, 1891. Noted for integrity and imbued with the spirit of public improvement, Mr. Smith was largely instrumental in converting the swamps of the county into beautiful and fertile farms, and the impassible roads into good, passible driveways. It was he who induced the County Commissioners to make a practical use of the engineer's level, when they employed Mr. Holtz to level a ditch, make a profile and establish a grade for the same.

DANIEL M. LEFFLER.

The subject of this sketch was born December 21, 1869, at Leipsic, Ohio. He is the second son of D. G. and Lavina Leffler, and is an heir to that business progress and ability which has placed his father among the very first of Putnam county's business men. He attended the public school of Leipsic, from which he graduated in the class of 1889. For the two years following his graduation he worked for his father in his famous grocery store, and on April 14, 1891, he formed a partnership with his brother, Charles H., and purchased the grocery store of his father, and since that, under the firm name of Leffler Bros., the old-time success and standard reputation of Putnam county's greatest grocery and queensware store has been conducted on the highest line of mercantile progress.

He was married May 7, 1891, to Emma M. Pfister, of Leipsic, a lady of great character and attainments, and who is in thorough accord with the progressive ideas of her husband. They have two children—Ray Victor, born February 28, 1892, and Gladdis Arletta, born March 2, 1894.

Mr. Leffler is a young man of good character, great energy, unceasing honor; and now, at the early age of twenty-six years, ranks as one of the ablest and most successful business men of Putnam county.

CHARLES H. LEFFLER.

Endowed with all those faculties which win success, and imbued with that spirit which wins the admiration and esteem of all who meet him, the subject of this sketch stands on the threshhold of a business career attended by the highest standard of success.

He was born April 10, 1868, at Leipsic, and is the eldest son of D. G. and Lavina Leffler. His early life was spent in assisting his father in his grocery store and attending the public schools of Leipsic, from which he graduated in the class of 1889. For two years following his graduation he worked in his father's store and on April 14, 1891, he formed a partnership with his brother, Daniel M., and purchased the store in which he had spent his youth and in which he had acquired those rudiments of business which so mark his business career.

Under the firm name of Leffler Bros., the high reputation of the great grocery of D. G. Leffler has been conducted in accordance with its old time standard, and its able and efficient management has stamped our subject as a prince among merchants. In April, 1895, the firm purchased, of their father, the three-story building in the Union block, constructed by him in 1881 and made famous by the fact that he and his sons have conducted, for the long period of fifteen years, the most successful grocery and queensware business in Putnam county.

WILLIAM A. LEWIS.

Our subject first saw the light on the 1st day of August, 1866, on a farm near Leipsic. He spent his youth working on a farm and attending school.

In 1885 he formed a partnership with Levi B. Alford and engaged in the implement and buggy business in Leipsic under the firm name of Lewis & Alford. The energy and success of our subject since that date has been phenomenal, and he stands today in the front rank of Putnam county's most popular and successful business men.

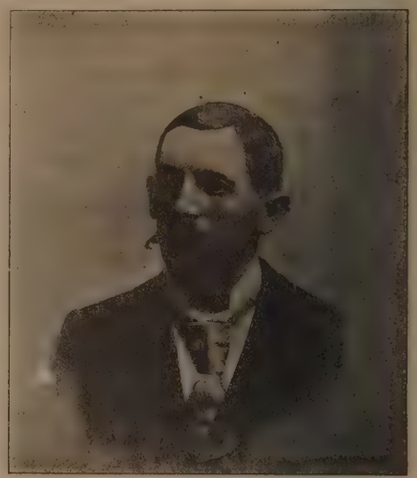
WILLIAM A. LEWIS.

In 1887 the firm built a commodious business room, but their business grew so rapidly that they were compelled to remodel it, and in 1894 added a handsome brick front and at this writing they have just completed a spacious room at the rear of their former establishment, giving them the advantage of a room 24x200 feet and the reputation of having the largest and handsomest implement room in the county.

We are sorry to state that at this writing we are unable to record any nuptials in Mr. Lewis' life, but we assure the public that his friends are expectant.

LEVI B. ALFORD.

Levi B. Alford was born on a farm near Leipsic, Ohio, August 23, 1861. He spent his early years working on a farm and attending school. In 1879 Mr. Alford began teaching school, an occupation which he followed almost continuously until 1887 with marked success and with entire satisfaction to many of the best districts in northeastern Putnam county.



LEVI B. ALFORD.

In 1885 he formed a partnership with William A. Lewis and engaged in the implement and buggy business at Leipsic, Ohio, and to him is due one-half the credit of the remarkable success of the firm of Lewis & Alford.

Mr. Alford was elected Clerk of Van Buren township, in April, 1894, and is now filling that position with credit to himself and the office. Although a young man Mr. Alford stands high in the estimation and confidence of a large circle of friends and patrons, and the future of himself and firm are most promising.

On December 25, 1893, he was united in marriage to Miss Lucretia Simons, of Dupont, this county, and they have one child—Nina Bess, born January 27, 1895.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Playing an important part in the conversion of Putnam county from savagery and a dense wilderness, in the development of our rich lands and modern homes, in the elevation of our institutions and society, is that element constituting the Catholic church. Their axes were among the first to fell our mighty forests, their spades have sunk deep into our ditches and their steeples were among the first marks of our christian civilization. They have penetrated our wilds, burnished our progress and helped to make possible our proud condition and glorious future.

Their churches in this county are among the finest church edifices in the State, and wherever a colony of Catholics may locate, there and then is reared a house of worship. Twenty-three years ago, under adverse circumstances, a small colony of these hardy people had located in the vicinity of Leipsic, and in that year, 1872, Messrs. Albert Bussing, H. W. Schmitschulte, Henry Bauhaus, Sr., Peter Grise and John Alt organized the St. Mary's Catholic Church.

A foundation for a church building was laid in this same year, but for lack of funds the work was discontinued until 1876, when a reorganization was made and placed under the charge of Rev. Henry Kempker, resident pastor of New Cleveland. By the co-operation of this exemplary man the congregation, then grown to about ten families, succeeded in constructing a church, 22x40 feet, on lot No. 448, in Leipsic, the same year, and in this structure the denomination continued to worship until 1893, and until their membership had grown to near five hundred. This church cost four hundred dollars and still stands by the side of the handsome new building and is a fitting comparison of the wonderful progress of the church and of civilization.

Rev. Kempker was succeeded by Rev. Edward Hipilius in May, 1878, who remained until June, 1880, when he was succeeded by Rev. Joseph Rosenberg. The services of this last named gentlemen were continued until April, 1888, when Rev. Joseph Eiler assumed his duties until January, 1889, when the administration of the present pastor, Rev. John Bertemes, began. The above gentlemen were all resident pastors of New Cleveland.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.

In 1888 the church constructed the handsome parsonage now occupied by their pastor, and in 1891 Rev. Bertemes became resident pastor of Leipsic with a charge at Miller City.

Rev. Bertemes was born December 24, 1861, in Luxemberg, a small independent country of Europe, and received his education in the schools of that country, having spent eight years in securing the same. In September, 1884, he came to America and during the next four and one-half years he completed his education in the Cleveland Seminary. Having completed his theological studies he was ordained priest December 19, 1888, by Rev. Bishop Richard Gilmore, D. D., of Cleveland. Soon after came to New Cleveland as a pastor, where he remained until coming to Leipsic in March, 1891.

Immediately after his locating here that energy, characteristic of his pastorage, became visible and within two years, by the co-operation of the active members of his church, he had dedicated one of the handsomest churches in the county. On August 30, 1891, the corner-stone of the new church was laid by the Rev. Phelix M. Boff, Vicar General of the diocese of Cleveland, and on May 14, 1893, the church was dedicated by Rt. Rev. Ignatius F. Hortsman, Bishop of Cleveland. The cost of this building exceeded eight thousand dollars, and the committee of construction consisted of Messrs. A. Stechschulte, M. Schroeder, Frank Kapel and Theodore Hazelman. Owing to the fact that all the members of this committee, except Mr. Stechschulte, resided in the country, the great responsibility devolved upon Mr. Stechschulte and Rev. Bertemes, and never did two men acquit themselves of so important a work with greater credit or more universal satisfaction. They solicited the subscription, collected the funds, guaranteed the liability, regulated the plans and were executors of the whole possibility of the construction, and the whole fact of the constructed. To their energy, ability and popularity Leipsic is indebted for one of her finest churches.

In 1889 the Parochial school of Leipsic was established, employing at the time but one teacher. This school has grown so rapidly that at the present time it has been found necessary to employ two teachers and occupy two rooms. The former church building is used as a school house and the enrollment shows an attendance of sixty two scholars, who are now under the able and efficient superintendency of Prof. Henry B. Hoffman, of Glandorf, Ohio.

LEIPSIC M. E. CHURCH.

The growth and advancement of religious denominations and societies have been marvelous during the century now drawing to a close. The observer of today must admit that the "progress of civilization" can only lay the fundamental base of its success to the influence wielded by the different religious orders of civilized christendom. Hand in hand they have marched onward, the former acting as benefactor, father and guide to the latter until they stand today side by side masters of the greatest epoch in the world's history. The writer gives impartial credit to the glorious work of all religious sects, and were it his privilege to chronicle the efforts and success of any among them the work would be done with the same enthusiasm and good will as that accorded to the exemplary works and workers of the Leipsic M. E. Church in this article.

This church was founded in 1859 and made a part of the Findlay District with missions at (West) Leipsic and Ottawa, and F. L. Harper received the appointment as first pastor, in September, 1859, with a salary of $400 per annum. At the beginning of the year 1860 the church had a membership numbering 142 souls, and the two Sunday schools had 110 scholars. Rev. Harper remained pastor of the two charges until 1861, when they were transferred to the Lima District and P. A. Drown appointed pastor. Rev. A. C. Barnes, D. D., served as pastor in 1862. The years 1863–64 found Rev. Barnes still pastor, with H. M. Shaffer as Presiding Elder; it also found the pastoral charge grown to four churches, five Sunday schools and six classes.

In 1864–65 Franklin Mariott was Presiding Elder and L. A. Belt pastor, with the same societies and classes; the salary was fixed during this year at $600. In 1866–67 I. N. Smith, pastor; three churches, salary $630. In September of the latter year these charges were transferred to the Defiance District. In 1867–68 Joshua Smith was pastor, Ottawa circuit. In 1868 was transferred to Findlay District, L. C. Webster, Presiding Elder; H. M. Shafer, pastor. In 1869 G. W. Miller was pastor. In 1870 Ira M Jameson supplied (West) Leipsic circuit. (West) Leipsic circuit was placed under Ottawa again in 1871, with Jason Young as pastor; remained the same in 1872 In 1873–74, Lima District, A. Harmount, Presiding Elder; John T. Davies, pastor. In 1875, Lima District, A. Harmount, Presiding Elder, Leipsic and Deshler charges; Harrison Maltbie and Oscar E. Moore, pastors. In 1876, Leipsic circuit to Findlay District, Jeremiah McKeen, pastor, and W. W. Winter, Presiding Elder; 1877–78, Findlay District, A. Harmount, Presiding Elder, James Long, pastor at Leipsic. In 1879, John C. Miller, pastor, five societies—Leipsic, West Leipsic, Gilboa, Centenary and Pleasant Hope. In 1879–80, Findlay District; A. Harmount, Presiding Elder R. M. Culver, pastor. In 1880–81, R. M. Culver, pastor; I. R Henderson, Presiding Elder. In 1881–83 Wm. R. Seuman, pastor; 1883–84 James C. Reader, pastor; 1884–90, Defiance District, S. L. Roberts, Presiding Elder; John L. Rusbridge, pastor from 1884 to '87. George Matthews, pastor from 1887 to '92; Gershem Lease, Presiding Elder from 1891 to '93; P. P. Pope, D. D., Presiding Elder from 1893 to '95. He is a graduate of Berea College and has all the interests of the district well in hand. A. A. Thomas, pastor from 1892 to '96.

The last named gentleman is, at this writing, pastor of the church, and it is during his pastorate and administration that the glorious work of the church has reached such an exalted position. During the past year Rev. Thomas, with the assistance of the active members of the church, has raised the enormous sum of $15,000 for the construction of the handsome edifice now nearing completion, and which will stand a lasting monument to the active progress and religious magnanimity of its promoters and donors. The corner stone of the new structure was laid amid imposing ceremonies August 25, 1895.

Below we give to our readers a list of the names of those who contributed to this great and good work. And for all religious people, without regard to creed or sect, and for the progressive spirit of Leipsic we extend to all the most sincere thanks.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR M. E. CHURCH—1895.

Buckeye Stave Co.,	$7,000 00	C. C. Nutter,	100 00
Ladies' Aid Society,	1,000 00	Lorenzo Folk,	100 00
Perry & Parsons,	500 00	G. W. Eicher,	100 00
Townsend & Zahrend,	450 00	B W. Ginther,	100 00
E. J. Reed,	250 00	A. F. Eastom,	100 00
Mrs Louisa Emery,	200 00	Frank Hammett,	100 00
H. S. Lenhart,	200 00	Epworth League,	75 00
B. C. Folk,	100 00	A. A. Thomas and wife,	75 00
Solomon Sands,	100 00	Dr. J. S. Emery,	50 00
Thomas W. Edwards,	100 00	J. S. Eselv and wife,	50 00
N H. Hiner,	100 00	W S Archer,	50 00
A. J. Lowry,	100 00	J. Werner,	50 00

LEIPSIC M. E. CHURCH.

S A. Dudley,	50 00	John Evans,	15 00
G. W. Lafferty,	50 00	J. V. Donaldson,	15 00
S. B Webber,	50 00	Chas. S. Buckley,	15 00
L. S. Lafferty,	50 00	C. C. Cass,	10 00
T. C. Edwards,	50 00	H. F. Wendall and wife,	10 00
D. H. Richards and wife,	50 00	Dr. H. C Rule and wife,	10 00
J. H. Arnold,	50 00	H. S. Conrad,	10 00
Junior League,	50 00	A. J. Hoffman,	10 00
Gerding & Enck,	30 00	J. A. Mastick,	10 00
Mr. and Mrs. Timmerman,	30 00	G. C. Shiffer,	10 00
C. W. Franklin and wife,	30 00	Pratt Kline and wife,	10 00
H. C Edwards,	25 00	C. O. Evans,	10 00
A. Harris,	25 00	G. W. Baughman,	10 00
Ike Levison,	25 00	E. B. Folk,	10 00
Leffler Brother,	25 00	W. H. Edwards,	10 00
Thomas Buckley,	25 00	Dr. G A. Light and wife,	10 00
John M Stuter,	25 00	E S. Weaver,	10 00
William Palmer,	25 00	L. W. Kuntz & Co.,	10 00
A Stechschulte,	25 00	Dr J. C. McClung,	10 00
Lewis & Alford,	25 00	John P. Rampe,	10 00
A M. Cole & Co,	25 00	A A. Carter,	10 00
B. Harris,	25 00	J F. Leffler and wife	10 00
Pfister & Co,	25 00	A. J Karcher,	10 00
Julia A. Davis.	25 00	Mrs. S. M. O'Donald,	10 00
A. Folk,	25 00	Ed. O'Donald,	10 00
W. W. Smith and wife,	25 00	George Eastom.	10 00
Thos H. Trott and wife,	25 00	Fockler Bros.,	10 00
C. C. Huber,	25 00	G. W. Harris,	10 00
F. C. Baughman,	20 00	A Bachle,	10 00
E. E. Hammett,	15 00	Daniel Leffler.	10 00
J. B. Updike,	10 00	Mrs. R. A. Glancy,	5 00
Frank Rosenberger,	10 00	R. A. Glancy,	5 00
F. J. Maehlmann,	10 00	M. A. Foltz,	5 00
Levi Hunter,	10 00	Joseph Butler,	5 00
L. Wood,	10 00	J H. Fisher,	5 00
W. A. Kober,	10 00	A. J. Young,	5 00
Schweitzer & Son,	8 00	J. A. Wood,	5 00
F. E. Mills,	6 00	Gust. Fisher,	5 00
Adelia M. Irwin,	5 00	C. F. Patterson,	5 00
P. W. Gallogly,	5 00	E. P. Stone,	5 00
D. W. Seitz,	5 00	A B. Keuper,	5 00
A. Edmister,	5 00	H Woodruff,	5 00
H. R. Waters,	5 00	Mary Brumley,	5 00
E. E Trott,	5 00	C. M. Lewis,	5 00
W. H. Edwards,	5 00	Lettie Patterson,	3 50
N. W. Knepper,	5 00	Lettie Hammett,	3 50
Elizabeth Boucher,	5 00	Martin Bowman,	3 00
W. W. Hammett,	5 00	W. B Davis and wife,	3 00
F. B. Lewis,	5 00	George Askam,	3 00
W. B. Bryan,	5 00	J Trott,	3 00
D. B. Miles,	5 00	F. W. Underhill,	3 00
E W. Huntsman,	5 00	J. S Boxwell,	3 00
Whittington Bros,	5 00	D. A. Folk,	3 00
Ben M. Mann,	5 00	T. B. Blakely,	3 00
James Anderson,	5 00	E W Roberts,	3 00
George Massey,	5 00	E. S. Kirby,	2 00
Henry H Lampe,	5 00	Emma Davidson,	2 00
Alpha, Ezra and Emery Blair,	5 00	J. F Arnold,	2 00
		Emma Sackett,	2 00
		Mrs. M. A. Dotterer,	2 00
		Chas. F. Heidley,	2 00
		E. E Cripe,	1 50
		W. S. Sears,	1 50
		H. E Bowman,	1 50
		A. A. Weaver,	1 50
		Jay Pitney,	1 00
		Harry W. Buckley,	1 00
		Frank Sherman,	1 00
		Jacob Meyers,	1 00
		Brumm & Baum,	1 00
		H. Workman,	1 00
		M. L. Pritchard,	1 00
		F. L. Wood,	1 00
		Russel Meyers,	1 00
		Charles Meyers,	1 00
		Chester Lowry,	1 00
		G. W. Klinker,	1 00
		O. P. Edwards,	1 00
		Mrs Durling,	1 00
		W. W. McCreary,	1 00
		Henry Close,	1 00
		W. K. Abbott,	1 00
		W. Park Shiffer,	1 00
		C. W. Folk,	1 00
		Cora Clark,	1 00
		W. R Lewis,	1 00
		Mrs. Therwechter,	1 00
		Fred Krebs,	1 00
		J B Case,	1 00
		James Krersher,	1 00
		William Beiber,	1 00
		Frank Klausing,	1 00
		Charles Kroeger,	1 00
		O. O'Donnell,	1 00
		Jos. Wortman,	1 00
		Harrison Stechschulte,	1 00
		Charles Kuntz,	1 00
		A. D. Hammett,	1 00
		E C Devenport.	1 00
		Mrs E. C. Devenport,	1 00
		Wm. Kline,	1 00

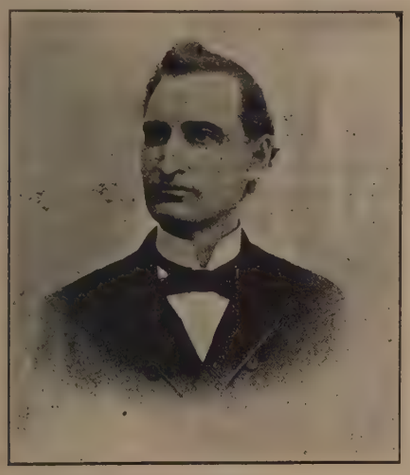
Such is the recorded history of the Leipsic M. E. Church, and such is the splendid manner in which the citizens of this town respond to creditable improvements. It was one of those undertakings whose success bespeaks the progress and magnanimity of a community, and under like circumstances, the whole fact of its construction challenges comparison.

Its chief promoter, Rev. A. A. Thomas, to whom is due the highest credit accorded by christian progress, did not anticipate the ready response to his efforts which he received, and its most enthusiastic supporters did not dream of existing results. But it is now a fact. In the early spring the great work will be dedicated. Its promotion and construction forms one of the greatest chapters in the history of Leipsic and in the life of Rev. A. A. Thomas.

REV. A. A. THOMAS.

Of all the pictures, made grand by the successful work of man, in any earthly calling or occupation, that of an intelligent, ambitious young man striving to promote the present happiness and future salvation of his fellowmen is the most sublime and exalting.

Rev. Aaron A. Thomas, B. S. and A. M., was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, June 23, 1857, of Welsh and English descent. His great grandfather was born near Harper's Ferry in 1781 and was the direct descendant of European ancestors. John Thomas moved to Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1799, and in this county Joseph Thomas, grandfather of our subject, was born June 17, 1805; he was married to Miss Elizabeth Kemp on October 8,



REV. A. A. THOMAS.

1832, and there was born to this union Martin L. Thomas. He was married to Miss Sarah E. Dick, and of this union Rev. A. A. Thomas is the oldest.

Rev. Thomas was born on a farm June 23, 1857, and attended the country schools of Pickaway county until 1869, when he moved with his parents to Allen County, Ohio. After locating in Allen County Mr. Thomas was engaged during the next thirteen years in teaching school, attending school at Ada, and fitting himself for his future life work. A part of this time was spent in the superintendency of public schools. He is a graduate of Ada in the class of 1887.

In 1885, while still attending school, Mr. Thomas was chosen by the Philomathean Literary Society to debate the question, "Which is the greater evil, Intemperance or Mormanism?" with Rev. John Montgomery, member of the Franklin Literary Society, and now a bright and successful minister of the Presbyterian church This debate ended with opinion and comment favorable to our subject and elicited the admiration of his hearers. In the year 1890 the Ohio Normal University conferred on him the title of A. M. in recognition of his success in his chosen calling.

In 1878 Mr. Thomas was united in marriage to Miss Sarepta A. Wonnell, of Allen county, and of this union three children have been born: Mabel Carol, born January 20, 1880, and died at the age of seven weeks and three days; Otis Byron, born August 1, 1883; Lulu Frances, born August 24, 1885.

Rev. Thomas was received on trial in the M. E. church at Fremont, Ohio, in the year 1887 and was at that conference appointed by Bishop Bowman to the North Baltimore charge, and here is where the brilliant work of the young preacher began to throw its shadow on the canopy of progress. For five years he filled this calling with universal satisfaction and praise, and during the latter part of this mission it was his energy that secured for that city the splendid M. E. church, which was dedicated July 12, 1891, at a cost of over $10,000.

In 1889 he was ordained Deacon at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, by Bishop John F. Hurst. Two years later he was ordained Elder by Bishop John P. Newman at Toledo, Ohio. He was appointed to his second charge at Leipsic, Ohio, by Wm. X. Ninde in 1892. With his coming, that energy that characterized him at North Baltimore began to exhibit itself here, and within one year he had purchased for his denomination a suitable site for a new church and parsonage at a cost of $3,000.

The first year of his ministry here he received in the church eighty eight accessions, the second year two hundred and twenty-five, and the third year fifty by letter and on probation. Early in the year of 1895 he began the promotion of a plan to construct a new church. He had made the acquaintance of all our people. He had endeared himself to all classes, gained the respect, esteem and confidence of his own denomination, and they answered to his call by liberal contributions. Scarcely a year has passed since the birth of this enterprise; but nearly $15,000 have already been raised. A building has been erected to a point of enclosure, which, when completed, will cost nearly $20,000, and Rev. Thomas has added another brilliant chapter to his career. He is now serving his ninth year in the ministry and fourth year on this charge. He is a member of the First Normal Bible Class of Leipsic, which will graduate at Columbus, Ohio, in June, 1896.

W. W. SMITH.

At the head of one of the best equipped and most successful printing offices in any country town in the United States, and having worked his way from a poor boy, the subject of this sketch occupies no mean position in the progressive history of Putnam county.

W. W. Smith, son of John and Mary Jane Boylen Smith, was born on a farm in Blanchard township, Hancock county, Ohio, on April 5th, 1850, where he remained until 1855, when he moved with his parents to Putnam county, locating on a farm one mile east of Gilboa. He attended country school and studied with so much zeal that he was able, at the early age of fifteen years, to get a certificate and in 1865 began teaching. He followed this calling until 1878, with the exception of a few years spent in attending school at the Findlay high school and Heidleberg College, at Tiffin, where he completed his education.

In 1870 he came to Leipsic and in September, 1878, he founded the Leipsic Free Press, a paper ranking today as one of the foremost country newspapers of the state. The first issue of this paper bears the date of September 13, 1878, and a comparison of that issue with the last one will establish the progressive theories of its proprietor. Since that date the great ambition of Mr. Smith has been to become proprietor of a model printing office, and his great energy has led him to the proud position his ambition sought. By degrees he has builded his way from an humble start to be sole proprietor of an office which is a pride to Northwestern Ohio, and his diligence has brought its remuneration. He now enjoys one of the most beautiful homes in Leipsic, having constructed the same after his own modern idea during the year 1894.

His paper has a very liberal list of subscribers, and his job department is largely patronized, both at home and abroad. Politically he subscribes to the doctrines of Democracy, and has long ranked as one of her ablest supporters in Putnam county. He has filled the offices of Corporation Clerk, President and Secretary of the Leipsic School Board, and at present is filling the responsible position of Postmaster of Leipsic.

He was married August 27, 1874, to Miss Viola A. Baughman, youngest daughter of Abram and Jane Boak Baughman. Mrs. Smith has inherited the great energy of her family and has been an able assistant to the ambitions and undertakings of her husband. They have two children: Clyde L., born August 30, 1878; George F., born June 14, 1888.

Mr. Smith is a member of Leipsic Lodge No. 548 F. and A. M.; Ottawa Chapter and Council, F. and A. M.; Leipsic Encampment I. O. O. F., No. 212; Leipsic Lodge No. 536, I. O. O. F., and Leipsic K. of P. No. 78. He is public spirited and has formed an important factor in the progress of the town.

W. W. SMITH

RESIDENCE OF W. W. SMITH.

THE LEIPSIC FREE PRESS,

W. W. SMITH, Proprietor.

The only semi-weekly paper in Putnam County; it circulates in the best agricultural section of the State, and is an excellent advertising medium.

FINE JOB WORK A SPECIALTY.

JOHN ZAHREND.

A self made man is always a creditable part of any community, and especially when the community shares the energy and ambition of such an individual. The subject of this sketch was born in Wolde, Mecklenberg, Germany, June 22, 1858. He attended the schools of his native town until twelve years of age,

JOHN ZAHREND.

when he came to America with his parents and settled on a farm near Napoleon, Ohio.

At the age of sixteen he went to Bluffton, Ohio, and clerked in the general store of Frank Scott for twelve years, or until 1885, when he engaged in the mercantile business on his own account at Bluffton, but soon sold his business and moved to Lima, where he clerked for two years in the boot and shoe house of M. L. Michael.

In the spring of 1888 he moved to Leipsic and became engaged in the planing mill and lumber business with his brother-in-law, O. E. Townsend. Since that time his energies have helped greatly toward developing the great succcess accorded to the firm of O. E. Townsend & Co. He has been especially identified with the hardware branch of the firm, and a more complete stock of building hardware cannot be found anywhere.

He now owns interests in all the milling business of O. E. Townsend & Co., and by a satisfactory and successful management of the same has proved himself worthy of high recognition in business circles. He was interested in the Opera House block which burned last winter and was a heavy loser by the fire.

Undaunted at this misfortune, he increased his energy in business, broadened his field of operation by purchasing additional interests in the milling business, and is today one of Leipsic's ablest business men.

Mr. Zahrend was married June 25, 1884, to Anna Hall, of Bluffton, Ohio, who was born at Gilboa, December 22, 1861. They have four children: Marie, born June 16, 1886; Robert Hall, born January 14, 1888; Eugene, born January 30, 1891; John, Jr., born May 18, 1894.

O. E. TOWNSEND

In the front rank of Putnam county's foremost business men, and an exultant promoter of first class improvements, both public and private, the subject of this sketch occupies a high position in the business realm of Northwestern Ohio.

O. E. Townsend was born January 8, 1859, at Bluffton, Ohio, and is the son of I. N. and C. M. Townsend of that place. He attended the public schools of that place and at Ada. Early in life he engaged in the lumber business at Fort Recovery, Ohio, and later with his father at Bluffton.

In the spring of 1887 he moved to Leipsic and purchased the planing mill and lumber yard of D. A. Foulk, and since that time the remarkable ability and energy of the man has been visible in the conduct of his own business and in numerous deals and enterprises which he has promoted. In 1891 he purchased the east half of lot number six, in Leipsic, and constructed one of Leipsic's finest business rooms on it.

In 1872, in partnership with his brother Charles, he purchased the McComb planing mill and lumber yard. In 1893 he purchased the west half of lot number four, in Leipsic, and during 1894, in company with John Zahrend, he constructed a modern opera house. In 1894 he purchased the business room of A. Foulk on the west one-half of lot six, and the Townsend block was known as the finest block ever built in Leipsic.

In February, 1895, Leipsic's greatest fire destroyed the entire building, entailing a loss of fourteen thousand dollars to its promoters and shadowing the prospects of the town; but the shadows did not long remain. By the first anniversary of the great fire O. E. Townsend will have dedicated, on the site of the ruins, one of the handsomest opera buildings in the state and a lasting monument to the energy and spirit of its builders. In the spring of 1895 he purchased the planing mill at West Leipsic, and the management of his mills and his numerous outside enterprises make him one of the busiest men in the state.

Mr. Townsend was married December 16, 1879, to Miss Jennie Hall, of Bluffton. They have three children: Lulu, born October 10, 1880; Harry Hall, born April 6, 1885, and Grace, born December 4, 1891.

H. C. TINKHAM.

Mr. Tinkham was born at North Brookfield, Connecticut, July 14, 1842. His parents moved to Fredonia, N. Y., in 1847, where they lived until 1862, during which time he occupied himself in attending country school three months in winter and working on a farm in summer.

During the years 1861–62 he was engaged in collecting garden seeds, roots, etc. In the fall of 1861 he started from Pittsburg, Pa., via the Ohio river on a tug boat for Louisville, Kentucky, a distance of 600 miles, stopping at all the harbors and landings on the route. During this time the journey was a very perilous one on account of the bushwhackers who lined the Ohio river during the war, and of these persons and their deeds our subject saw much.

In 1865 he went to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he attended school six months, and in April, 1867, was married to Roxie Eliza Webster, of Fredonia, N. Y., and in April, 1868, moved to Monroe county, Mich., where he engaged in farming one year, at the end of which time he sold his farm and moved to Toledo, Ohio, where he engaged in factory work, continuing the same for the long period of fourteen years, twelve of which were spent in the employ of one firm. During this time he served in the Toledo Council as a member from the Fourth ward.

In 1882 he purchased timber lands in Van Buren township, Putnam county, near Spitzer, now Townwood P. O., where he erected a sawmill and has since operated one of the most extensive milling concerns in the county. He has cleared over six hundred acres of the county's best land of as heavy timber as ever grew, and improved the same for the highest stage of cultivation, having buried over thirty miles of tile on the tract. This land is now divided up into farms and constitutes as fine and productive farms as can be found in the northwest part of Ohio.

The town of Townwood, of which Mr. Tinkhan is the principal citizen, has 150 inhabitants, and he has been postmaster thirteen years. He is also agent for the New York, Chicago & St. Louis R. R. and the National Express Co. He owns an elevator from which he ships about 100,000 bushels of grain per year; there is also over one hundred cars of live stock shipped from Townwood each year.

The family of Mr. Tinkham consists of three children, two of whom are living, the oldest, born in 1871, having died when nine months of age; Ina L. and Lea Boyce W. Tinkham were born in Toledo, Ohio, in the years 1873 and 1876, and are now living with their parents.

Mr. Tinkham is a business man of extraordinary capacity and judgment and has long since been recognized among the first citizens and business men of Putnam county.

RESIDENCE OF H. C. TINKHAM, TOWNWOOD, OHIO.

SAMUEL W. ROBERTS.

The subject of this biography was born December 17, 1848, in Ashland county, Ohio. He is the son of Gersham and Catharine Roberts, now well and favorably known residents of Putnam county, Ohio. In 1850 his father moved to Putnam county, O., locating in what was then a wilderness, one and a half miles north of Columbus Grove, and here young Samuel spent his boyhood attending school and helping his father clear and improve his farm. He remained on the farm until eighteen years of age, when he began learning the carpenter trade which he followed with success until 1873, when he moved to his father's farm and spent the next six years of his life in the able management of this farm.

In 1879 he purchased a photograph gallery at Columbus Grove and moved to that place. He remained in this business at that place nine years, when he sold his gallery and moved to Leipsic, engaging in the same business.

Mr. Roberts was married November 4, 1869, to Miss Marilla Farnam, of Putnam county. She is the daughter of George and Sarah Farnam, of near Columbus Grove, and was born November 4, 1849. They have five children—Laura, born September 13, 1870, died September 11, 1895; Alice Z., born December 6, 1872, died when three months and fourteen days old; Ellis W.,

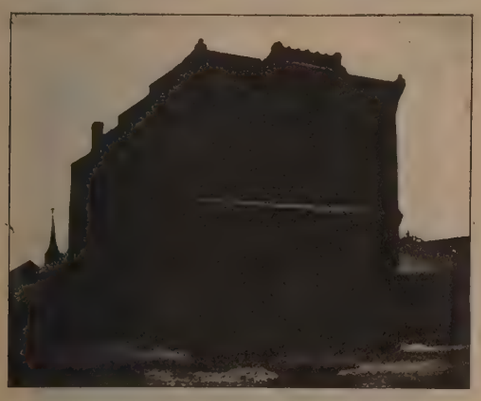
SAMUEL W. ROBERTS.

born June 30, 1876; Clara A., born June 15, 1879; Paul S., born June 23, 1892.

Mr. Roberts is a first class photographer; he is an up to date man in all the improvements and advancements of his calling and produces work not surpassed by any. He has taken many of the best pictures for the use of this book, and his work receives the highest commendation from every source.

JOHN V. HUBER.

No merchant in Putnam county has contributed more energy or given to the mercantile business a more reputable name than has the individual represented by this biography. John V. Huber was born in Shelbyville, Shelby county, Indiana, April 18, 1854. He is the son of Fredolin and Magdolin (Stetney) Huber, both natives of Germany. When eleven years of age his father moved to Franklin, Ind., and here John attended school until sixteen years old, when he began learning the cabinet trade with his father, remaining in the store at Franklin ten years.



J. V. HUBER'S BUSINESS BLOCK.

In 1880 he accepted a position in his brother's furniture and undertaking establishment of Columbus, Ind., having exclusive charge and management of the undertaking department, and assisting in the furniture department. He remained in this position until May 20, 1885, when he came to Leipsic and at once entered in the furniture and undertaking business in the room now occupied by Ed. Marks. He remained in this room three years—until it had become too small for his growing business—when he arranged with F. J. Maehlmann to build a larger room, being the one now occupied by the Cottage restaurant, and in 1887 moved to this room. Five years later he purchased a lot on the northeast corner of Defiance and Eastom streets, and during the summer of 1892 constructed on this lot, one of the handsomest and most commodious of Leipsic's many business rooms, and in the fall of the same year moved his immense stock of furniture and undertaking goods to this building.

In 1894 he constructed on Defiance street, near Eastom street, one of the finest residences in the county, thus giving his adopted town the advantage of his past energy and success, and proving himself one of Leipsic's most progressive citizens as well as business men. He was married February 24, 1883, to Miss Mary A. Higgins, of Franklin, Indiana, who has been an able assistant in her husband's business. They have one child—Homer Victor, born February 3, 1885. In the spring of 1895 Mr. Huber sold his undertaking interests, but has recently repurchased the same, and the public will still find Leipsic supplied with its old reliable undertaker, who, by eleven years of continuous work in this line, has been proven one of the ablest and most satisfactory undertakers ever in the county. The purchasing public will also find as complete a line of choice furniture at his store as can be found in Northwestern Ohio.

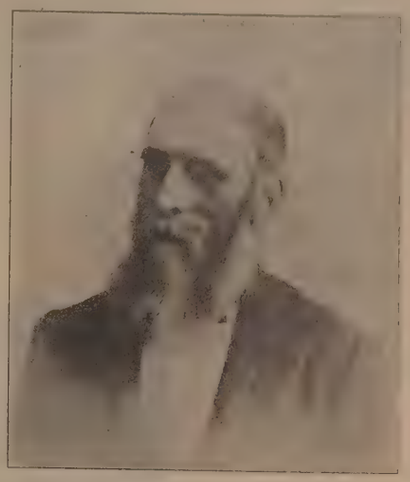
HOTEL LEFFLER.

In the spring of 1895 there was begun the most needed and important improvement ever made to or in the growing village of Leipsic. The town had long needed a new and modern hotel, and at the time mentioned Mr. D. G. Leffler, one of the town's oldest and most successful merchants, undertook the enterprise, and how ably he has succeeded can by verified by the accompanying illustration or by a visit to the best hotel in Putnam county.

The building stands on the corner of Defiance and Commercial streets, is 120 feet long by 50 feet wide, three stories high and has pressed brick fronts on both streets. It contains a spacious office, dining room, kitchen, sample room, barber shop and a number of bed-rooms on the first floor, while the second and third stories consist of bed-rooms entire, except the private parlors of the landlord.

The building is heated throughout by steam, has private water works and is thoroughly furnished for the comfortable accommodation of the traveling public. It contains fifty-five rooms and is one of the handsomest buildings in the county.

J. I. Hale, of Defiance, Ohio, is the architect, and to his genius and taste the new building is a fitting emblem and commends to the building world this worthy architect.



J. I. HALE, ARCHITECT.

By the construction of this building Mr. Leffler has given to his town one of her finest improvements, has proven himself progressive beyond the progress of the town, and it will long stand as a fitting monument to the energy of one of Leipsic's most sucessful and honorable citizens, and as an emblem to the rapid development of the town.

The hotel is now under the able management of W. S. Archer, who by seven years of hotel management in the Central House of Leipsic, has proven himself one of the most pleasing and popular landlords of the State, and the traveling public will find Leipsic supplied with as good hotel facilities and as accommodating a landlord as can be found in any city. Mr. Archer has a pleasant and entertaining family, who take pleasure in assisting to advance the comforts and interests of the hotel patrons, and his tables are always well filled with choice edibles prepared by first class and experienced cooks.

HOTEL LEFFLER, LEIPSIC, O.

H. H. LAMPE.

It is a privilege of ours to now record the biography of an individual who forms as fitting a type of the self-made man as can be found in the long and honorable list of Putnam county's business men.

H. H. Lampe was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 24, 1855, and comes of that old German ancestry whose courage, thrift and progress have aided materially the rapid advance of the western world.

He is a son of Barney and Mary (Osterhaus) Lampe, both natives of Osterfina, Germany, the former having been born there May 13, 1825, and the latter, May 24, 1826. Barney Lampe came to America in 1849, settling in Baltimore, Md. One year later Mary Osterhaus followed, and they were married in the city of Baltimore in May, 1850, and continued to live in that city until 1854, when they moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where they lived until 1855, in which year they moved to Minster, Ohio, at which place they continued to live until their deaths. The death of the father occurred July 27, 1858, and that of the mother, November 15, 1863.

Four children were the fruits of this union—Barney Lampe, born in Baltimore, Md., February 23, 1851, now in business at Glandorf, Ohio, and married to Miss Tracy Mormann, of that place; Amelia H., born at Baltimore in 1853, died in infancy; Henry H., born in Cincinnati, February 24, 1855; Mary, now Mrs. Theodore Kempker, of Minster, Ohio, born at Minster, October 7, 1858.

After the death of his father, the subject of this sketch worked on farms near Minster until sixteen years of age, when he went to Toledo, Ohio, and obtained employment in a sash factory, in which he worked two and a half years and then resigned this position to accept one on the Miami & Erie canal where worked two years, at the end of which he secured a position in the sawmill of Hoffman Brothers, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, as sawyer and filer. He worked for this firm at Ft. Wayne for two and one-half years with such great credit and satisfaction as to cause his employers to send him to Kansas City as manager of their large milling interests at that place, and after filling this responsible position two and a half years he went to Wisconsin, where he worked eight months for Pitcher, Healey & Co., large lumber dealers. At the end of this term of service so great had been his adaptability in learning the trade of a sawyer, and so great had become his proficiency as to enable him to secure a position as foreman and filer in the extensive mills of Clark & Smith, of Boston, Mass., who were among the largest and most reputable manufacturers and dealers in fine lumber in New England. This position he filled with great credit for six years. Three years after going to Boston he returned to Ottawa, O., and on September 6, 1883, was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Huber, second daughter of Dr. H. Huber, now of Ottawa. Mrs. Lampe was born at Glandorf, Ohio, March 7, 1858. She is a lady of estimable character, whose energy and fine business ability have materially aided her husband in obtaining that remarkable success which the business world now accords to him.

LAMPE BLOCK, LEIPSIC, O.

H. H. LAMPE.

CORNELIA E. S. LAMPE.

MRS. H. H. LAMPE.

Immediately following his marriage he returned to Boston and completed his six years' term of service for Clark & Smith, at the end of which time, or in 1886, he returned to Putnam county and purchased the Commercial House, at Leipsic, Ohio, of Frank Heyne, changing the name to the Lampe House. Under this name he conducted, for the next six years, one of the most successful and popular hotels in Northwestern Ohio, and proved himself one of the most capable and efficient of landlords.

In 1892 he sold his hotel to John Walker, and in December of the same year purchased the east half of inlot number one, in Leipsic, this being the best business corner in the town. He was in business in the room on this lot until the fire of December 27, 1893, when his building was totally destroyed. In May, 1894, he purchased the west half of inlot one, and during the summer of that year he constructed one of the handsomest and most substantial business blocks ever built in the county.

The building is 50x120 feet, three stories high, with beautiful pressed brick fronts on both Main and Pearl streets. There is a basement under the entire building, and the foundation is of stone. It contains five business rooms which are all well rented to the following firms: Gerding & Enck, dry goods and groceries; post office; Fockler Bros., barbers; Otho Agner, undertaker, Jacob Schmidt, meat market. The building is of the most modern architecture, its design and plan having been drawn by Louis Welker, of Toledo, and the work of construction done by such able contractors as Frank Shoemaker, contractor for stone and brick work, and Dudley & Leffler, carpenter contractors. We present an illustration of the building to our readers, and take pride in saying that it is one of the finest business blocks in the county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lampe have been born two children: Cornelia E. S. Lampe, born at Glandorf, Ohio, August 21, 1885, who is now a beautiful and interesting child; a very true picture of her appears on this page; Olga, born at Leipsic, August 5, 1889, died January 27, 1890, and is buried at Ottawa.

Such has been the life struggle of one of the leading citizens and business men of Putnam county, and so indelibly stamped on the pages of our history are the triumphs of his energy and the marks of his success, as to place him among the foremost of our citizens.

NELSON H. HINER.

Leipsic furnishes no more reputable or able representative of her business progression than the individual represented by this

N. H. HINER.

biography. Nelson H. Hiner, son of Herbert and Hannah (Edgar) Hiner, was born on a farm near Findlay, Ohio, July 15, 1859.

He continued to live on a farm and attended country school until 1878, when he moved to Columbus Grove and began learning the saddlery trade with his uncle, David Jones. He remained at Columbus Grove and in the store of his uncle six years, when in 1884 he moved to Leipsic and engaged in the harness and buggy business, having ever since been conducting the same business on the highest plane of honor and success.

Mr. Hiner was married November 23, 1886, to Miss Emma L. Herrick, a lady of great accomplishments and a daughter of Captain Cyrus Herrick, of Forest, Ohio. Capt. Herrick was a soldier of distinction from the beginning to the end of the late rebellion, and one of the foremost citizens of Hardin county since the war. They have two children—Halbert, born March 3, 1888; Lewis, born April 4, 1890.

He not only holds the esteem and confidence of the business fraternity of this community, but he holds a high place in the citizenship of Leipsic. He was elected a member of the Leipsic council in the spring of 1894, and in the councils of the administrators of this progressive town he is presenting that judgment and business ability which has so marked his private affairs.

He has won his own way to success and holds his position among our best citizens, our ablest business men and our chief promoters. His business room is always filled with the choicest selections of harness, robes, buggies of all styles and the famous Osborne binders, and its proprietor is worthy of the most liberal confidence and patronage.

BUSINESS ROOM OF W. A. KOBER.

Kieferville.

In 1870, D. A. Kiefer laid out the original town plat of Kieferville, which lies north of the old Continental railroad grade and on both sides of the Defiance pike, which crosses the Nickel Plate railroad at that place, this railroad having been built on the old Continental grade. In 1871 he laid out an addition lying just west of the original plat, and in 1872 he laid out his second addition, which lies south of the railroad. John O. Snyder, in 1873, laid out an addition to the town south of the railroad.

The original town and all the additions were surveyed and platted by Ex-County Surveyor Lewis E. Holtz. The town, in 1895, has two general stores, a hotel and a church.

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NOTE.—The articles mentioned above are worthy of the highest recommendation and most liberal patronage.—EDITOR.

WILLIAM G. BRUGMAN.

The subject of this sketch was born at Fremont, Ohio, December 29, 1851. He is a son of William G. and Wilmina (Stout) Brugman, who came to this county from Germany in 1845 and settled in Sandusky City, Ohio, and moved to Fremont in 1849. Here young Brugman attended school until about twelve years

BRUGMAN HOUSE, KIEFERVILLE.

of age, and when not in school worked on his father's farm. He attended at the High School of Toledo in 1869 and commercial Lynker's Commercial College of New York City during 1870-71, assisting his brother-in-law in the hatter's business when not in school. He came to Ohio in 1872, and on September 18, 1873, was married to Miss Anna Miller, daughter of Peter and Rhoda Miller, who came to this county in 1845. Mrs. Brugman was born April 18, 1848. To this marriage was born Frederick W., July 16, 1874; Adolph A., April 19, 1876; Maximillian C., January 3, 1878; Arie, August 17, 1879, died August 31, 1879; Edwy F., April 3, 1884; Era, March 28, 1886; Mona R., January 25, 1888, and Laura Ellen, January 21, 1890.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Brugman engaged in the dry goods business at Gilboa, Ohio, and continued in that vocation until 1879, when he moved to Keiferville, Ohio, and opened a general store. In 1882 he was appointed railroad agent for the New York, Chicago & St. Louis railroad, and was twice appointed postmaster under President Cleveland, which position, together with that of railroad agent, he now fills with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the public. He is also the proprietor of the Brugman House, at Keiferville.

DAVID C. WILLIAMSON.

Mr. Williamson is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth Moore (Godfrey) Williamson, who came to this county in 1841. His mother was a sister of the late Dr. C. M. Godfrey, of Ottawa, Ohio. The subject of this sketch was born on a farm near Leipsic, Ohio, February 19, 1850. He attended district school and

DAVID C. WILLIAMSON.

worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-one, and on August 26, 1873, he married Miss Ruth E. Prentiss, daughter of A. F. and Ruth (McConnell) Prentiss, of West Leipsic, who came to this county in 1836. Mrs. Williamson was born November 4, 1856, at West Leipsic, Ohio. To this marriage was born: Amy, July 8, 1874, died December 12, 1884; L. Elexena, March 1, 1877; L. Clare, June 24, 1880; David Prentiss, December 15, 1885, died June 30, 1890; Ruth Elizabeth, February 5, 1894.

Mr. Williamson was interested in the Leipsic Foundry from 1878 to 1880, and then in the sawmill business until 1884, when he sold his mill and went into the employ of the Buckeye Stave Company as fireman and engineer, where he remained until 1890. He having been elected in the fall of 1889, to the office of County Sheriff, took that office on the first Monday of January, 1890, in which office he served one term, discharging his duties, as an officer, honestly, promptly and with ability. He now lives on his farm near Kieferville.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH.

In 1859 a small colony of pioneer citizens of New Cleveland assembled in order to organize and build a Catholic Church, the nearest place of worship at that time being Glandorf. The roads being impassable nearly two-thirds of the year made it al-

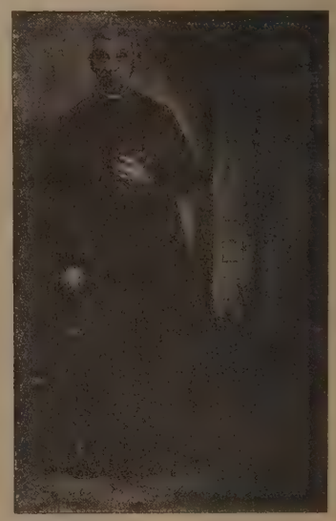
CATHOLIC PARSONAGE, NEW CLEVELAND.

most impossible for them to attend to their religious duties. At the meeting above mentioned three of the most worthy members, Messrs. John Weis, Sr., Herman Schmenck, Sr., and Folmering, were chosen as trustees or building committee. These worthy men, under the superintendency of Rev. Anton Kramer, then resident pastor at Glandorf, organized the Holy Family Church.

Soon after timbers were cut, hewed and hauled, also saw logs cut and hauled to mill, so that in the spring of 1860 the foundation of the church was laid, and in June of the same year the first Holy Mass was read by Rev. Joseph Bihn, pastor at Tiffin, Ohio. In October, 1862, the church was dedicated by Rt. Rev. Rappe, Bishop of Cleveland.

In 1862 regular services were held, the first priest being Rev. Sebastian Gander. The first child baptized was Gebina Frank, on December 8, 1862, and on the 12th day of February, 1863, the first marriage, that of John F. Konst to Mary Westrick, was solemnized.

Rev. Sebastian was succeeded by Rev. Engelbertus Roof, of Mary Camp. It was a very hard task for the above named gentleman to attend to their pastoral duties, whereas they resided on the other side of the river and no bridge near to cross Rev. Engelbertus was succeeded by Rev. Jacob Marti, pastor at Glandorf. Rev. Jacob Marti was succeeded by Rev. Charles Barbier, in 1873. In the same year the church constructed a



REV. DAMBACH, PASTOR HOLY FAMILY CHURCH.

handsome parsonage which, after being furnished, was occupied by Rev. Barbier. Rev. Barbier was succeeded by Rev. Henry Kempker in 1874.

In 1876 a parochial school was organized. Rev. Kempker was succeeded by Rev. Edward Hippilius in 1878. Rev. Hippilius was succeeded by Rev. Joseph Rosenberg in 1880,

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, NEW CLEVELAND.

who remained until April, 1888, when Rev. Joseph Eiler assumed his duties until January, 1889, when he was succeeded by Rev. John Bertemes. In 1891 Rev. Bertemes became resident pastor of Leipsic and was succeeded by Rev. Dambach, present pastor of the congregation of New Cleveland.

MAP OF
COLUMBUS GROVE,
Putnam County
OHIO.

This is a copy of plat as renumbered by L. E. Holtz Surveyor in 1885
Old Numbers are inclosed in parentheses
Transfered by J. D. Huddle, 1889.

History of Columbus Grove.

BY JAMES BELFORD.

The first settlement made in what is now know as Pleasant Township was in the spring of 1832. In that year came first William Turner and Elias Feathringill. In 1833 came Adam Turner, John Feathringill, Nahum Smith, Abram Fuller, and William Casebolt. In 1834, '35, and '36 the members of this colony were further increased in numbers by the addition of William McComb, Samuel McComb, James Pier, James Turner, John B. Bogart, David Bogart, Joseph Sterlin, John Momea, John Parrish, Joseph Cox, and Joseph Belford and families.

The township was organized in 1834, with J. B. Bogart, William Turner, and John Feathringill the first trustees. Joseph Cox was the first Justice of the Peace, which office he held but a short time, as he was accidently killed at a house raising for David Bogart in the spring of 1837, and was the first person buried in the Bogart cemetery—his coffin being made of rough puncheons split and hewn from a black walnut log.

The town of Columbus Grove was laid out in December, 1842, by Capt. Fredrick Fruchey, the proprietor. It was surveyed and platted for the proprietor by Benjamin Dunning.

Capt. Fruchey and most of the first settlers came from near Columbus, Franklin county, and the site of this town being a famous Indian sugar grove, hence the name. Columbus in memory of the town they had left, and grove united with Columbus, made the name "Columbus Grove." Thus was the name for the town suggested and selected.

The first house built in Columbus Grove was a log dwelling, built on the lot where the Lenhart block now stands, by John Momea. The first frame dwelling was built by Samuel Sterlin, who also erected the first brick. The first manufacturing establishment here was an ashery and pottery, built and operated by the Durfey Brothers on the lot now occupied by the Gessell brick residence. They manufactured black salts and pearl ash, and in the pottery, crocks, jugs and other earthen wares. In 1843 Sheldon Guthrie erected a small building on a lot near the Durfey's establishment and opened a small supply store, exchanging goods for furs, there being but little money in this new country.

In 1842 the township was divided into two school districts. A part of Monroe township, Allen county, and a part of Union township, Putnam county, were annexed to this district, it being on the west side of the township, making a special district and called number 2. A log school house 18x20 was built in this district on land afterward taken into the town. The first teacher in this new district was the Rev. Wm. M. Gookin, a Presbyterian minister. As the country improved and increased in population the territory was clipped off and other districts formed, leaving what is now known as the special district of Columbus Grove.

Columbus Grove has furnished the county with some noted men; men who have sat in the Legislative halls of our own and other States, and also the United States Senate; men who in their youth were enrolled as scholars and attended school in that first little log school house. Among that number was Senator C. S. Brice.

The first part of our present school building was built in 1871, and was enlarged in 1884. Columbus Grove was incorporated in 1864, with David Jones as mayor. The graded system of instruction was proposed by Prof. J. F. Jones, and adopted by the Board of Education in 1875, he being the superintendent of the schools at this time and for some years thereafter.

The first church organized in the township was the Truro Presbyterian church. It was organized September 9, 1836 by Rev. James Coe, of Piqua, Ohio, with fifteen members. Samuel and Anna McComb, Adam and Martha Turner, Joseph and Eleanor Belford, Joseph and Hannah Nichols, Martha Nichols, William and Elizabeth McComb, Job Combs, Jane Combs, Wm. Combs and Jane Pier.

The first hotel or tavern, as it was then called, was built by James Pier. It was a hewed log structure, three rooms on the ground floor and two on the second. Among the men doing business here prior to 1850 we have, in addition to those named, Leeman Woodruff, J. B. Jones, Evan R. Davis and E. W. Greene.

Theodore Kunneke came to this place in 1853. He had taken the contract to build, and built the sawmill for Jonathan Brice, to which was added a mill to grind corn and buckwheat. This mill was located on the lot now occupied by the United Brethren church. After finishing his contract for Mr. Brice, Mr. Kunneke purchased two corner lots at the junction of High and Sycamore streets, upon each of which he erected a two story frame building for business and dwelling. The commodious brick—the Kunneke block—now stands upon one of these lots. He has been actively engaged in business in this place for over forty years.

A. H. Day has been in business in this place thirty-five years and has contributed as much in the way of substantial buildings as any of its citizens, for the proof of which we have his elegant brick residence, the "New Grove House," and the Opera House block.

W. W. Williams and Thomas Jones occupied and opened a dry goods, clothing and grocery store on the corner of High and Sycamore streets, where the Mapel block now stands, from 1859 to 1868, when they sold the property and business to Simon Mapel, who continued the business at the old stand for a number of years, and in 1886 he erected the elegant brick structure which was afterward occupied by W. T. Mapel, and others.

David Jones is the veteran manufacturer and dealer in harness and all goods pertaining to that line of business, and has been a resident and actively engaged in business here since 1859.

Robert, and J. M. G. Patterson, his son, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, opened a store here in 1853 and continued in the business until 1865.

The D. & M. railroad was built through this place in the year 1859. The first train came into town July 12th of that year. In 1882 the railroad now known as the Pittsburg, Akron & Western was constructed, and in 1895 the Lima Northern was built.

Located in one of the most fertile regions of Northwestern Ohio, crossed by three railroads and furnished with substantial Macadam roads from all points of the compass, Columbus Grove is equal to the best and is excelled by no other town in Ohio for live, energetic, hustling business and professional men. Good schools and fine churches with large congregations bespeak the moral and religious tone of her society.

PROF. J. F. JONES.

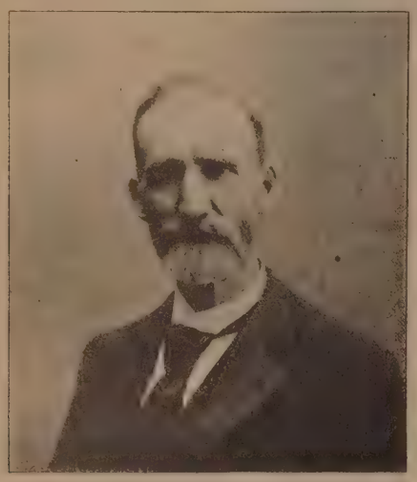
Prominently identified with the educational interests of northwestern Ohio has been the name of J. F. Jones for near a third of a century. He was born in Elizabeth township, Miami county, Ohio, December 31, 1832, and is the son of George W. and Eleanor (Gearhardt) Jones.

George W. Jones was born in Bath county, Kentucky, June 9, 1808, and Eleanor (Gearhardt) Jones was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, (now West Virginia) in September, 1812. Mrs. Jones' father settled in Miami county, Ohio, in 1816, and Mr. Jones located there in 1827, and there they met and were married, and there the subject of this sketch first saw the light.

He attended the country schools until nineteen years of age, when he began a course in the Linden Hill Academy, of New Carlisle, Ohio, which institution was at that time under the able direction of Prof. Thomas Harrison, a graduate of Oxford University, England. Mr. Jones remained at this school two years, when in the fall of 1853 he began teaching school in Champaign county, this State, remaining in that county one year. He then returned to his native county and was a teacher in her public schools until 1863, when he moved to Putnam county and soon after was employed as superintendent of the public schools of Delphos, Ohio.

He continued in this position until the fall of 1867, when he moved to Anderson, Indiana, and became principal of the First

Ward school of that town. After filling that position one term he moved, in January, 1868, to Pendleton, Indiana, and took charge of the school of that town as superintendent. This position he filled with great credit during the years 1868–69 and then returned to Delphos, Ohio, where he had been employed to superintend the schools. Here he remained three years, two of which were spent as superintendent of the public schools and one year (1872) he was the principal of a select school. The



PROF. J. F. JONES.

years 1873–74 he spent in traveling and adding to that fund of knowledge so marked in his career.

In August, 1885, he moved to Columbus Grove, Ohio, and in September of the same year began a three years' term of teaching as superintendent of the schools of this place. During the school years of 1879–80 he was superintendent of the Deshler schools, and the year following he served in the same capacity at Belmore. He then returned to Columbus Grove and was principal of the "A" Grammar school for two years when, in 1883, he retired from teaching after having given thirty years of the best part of his life to this calling and stamped his name and character indellibly upon the annals of original, progressive education.

In 1879 Mr. Jones became engaged in the manufacture of handles, and upon retiring from teaching he devoted his entire attention to this business. Soon after this his two sons, Charles H. and G. E., became engaged in business with him, and under the firm name of J. F. Jones & Sons they have since conducted a very successful and constantly growing business, until, at this date, they employ about fifty persons, manufacture 16,000 dozen handles per year and are the happy proprietors of one of the largest and most reputable handle manufactories in the State.

Mr. Jones was united in marriage on April 10, 1855, to Miss Martha J. Hart, of Miami county, Ohio, who was born in that county, May 22, 1833. They have three children, all of whom are living—Delia D., (now wife of G. A. Richardson, chief clerk to the General Manager of the B. & O. R. R. at Chicago) born November 5, 1858; Charles H., born May 24, 1861; G. E., born March 21, 1872.

As a citizen Mr. Jones is imbued with all those qualities necessary to make him an important factor in his town and county, and to create the highest respect and recognition of all who know him. As a business man he is careful, energetic and successful, but in the line and light of an educator he is most distinguished. Under the motto, "Make haste slowly," which is original with him, he has endeavored to unveil the fact that the most useful and most substantial education is derived by a cultivation of originality instead of by the quotations and repetitions of others.

His great works have preceded this biography; they have been recognized by men and institutions; they will remain, having promoted their author to the exalted position of being Putnam county's foremost educator. Mr. Jones is a member of the Masonic order, and here too he has distinguished himself.

A. H. DAY.

The annals of Putnam county have never, and never will furnish a name or history more honorable, or linked with greater business progress and success than that furnished in the true biography of the subject of this sketch.

A. H. Day was born in Wilbraham, Mass., January 25, 1840. He is the son of Alvin and Anna Day, and dates his ancestry to one of the oldest and most respectable families of New England, his ancestors having emigrated from Wales to Massachusetts in 1640. He attended the schools of his native town until sixteen years of age, when he decided that the west would furnish a broader field for the development of the energies of a young man, and armed with a great energy, increasing industry and an indomitable will to succeed, he bade adieu to his boyhood home and turned westward, locating first at Rockport, Illinois, where he attended school during the winter season, and clerked in a store and worked in a mill during the summers for the next year and a half, when he came to Lima, Ohio, and secured employment in a warehouse at that place. He remained in this position until the summer of 1861, when he moved to Columbus Grove and engaged in the warehouse business. He followed this business for two years and then purchased the lot on the northwest corner of High and Sycamore streets and engaged in the mercantile business, handling dry goods and groceries. He has continued this business at the same stand from that time to this, and no man or store in Northwestern Ohio has gained and retained a more honorable and reputable standing. Through the long period of a quarter of a century the good name and business reputation of A. H. Day has never been challenged, and the quality of his goods has never been questioned.

He is an enthusiastic incumbent of the most advanced ideas of progression, and his improvements from time to time rank among the most substantial and modern in Putnam county. In 1872 he constructed in Columbus Grove one of the handsomest private residences ever built in the county, and in 1883 he constructed the famous Day Block on the same lot where he has conducted his store so long and with such marked success. We present to our readers a picture of this block, and the energetic and progressive spirit of the man needs no greater introduction.

THE DAY BLOCK.

This block includes the store room occupied by the proprietor, four other business rooms facing on Sycamore street, an opera house, K. of P. lodge room, and the Grove House, the leading hotel of the town.

He was married in September, 1865, to Miss Addie L. Pease, of Monson, Massachusetts, and they have two children: Rose E., (now Mrs. Dr. Frank Pugh, of Bryan, Ohio,) born in September, 1866, Homer R., born April 9, 1873, now a partner in the store. Mr. Day has served as Township and Corporation Treasurer and member of the School Board, and his good judgment and honor have been distinguishable in public as well as private life. He is now the possessor of that business reputation and success, that record of exemplary citizenship, and that confidence and esteem of his fellowmen which enable us to accord to him a leading place in the most honorable records of the county.

HOMER R. DAY.

The subject of this sketch is the son of A. H. and Addie L. Day, and was born at Columbus Grove, Ohio, April 19, 1873. In his youth he attended school in his native town, and graduated later at the Eastman Business College of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and early in life became the assistant of his father in his store; thus at an early age he became the possessor of a standard business education. In 1893 he formed a partnership with his father, and the firm became known as A. H. & H. R. Day.

Mr. Day is a young man of fine business ability and good habits, thus assuring himself a leading position in the future business progress and history of Putnam county.

GUY B. KILLEN.

Putnam county has been the birthplace or adopted home of many men who have made a mark of honor and success upon the field of professional strife, and it is today the home of a number of young men who will leave a proud record upon the coming age of professional progress. Among this number we reckon the prospects of our subject, Guy B. Killen, of Columbus Grove, Ohio. He was born June 2, 1870, in the city of Canton, Ohio, and is the son of Norris and Mary J. Killen.

He moved with his parents to Columbus Grove, O., in 1872, and spent his youth in the public school of this town, from which he graduated in May, 1888. He completed his education at the Tri-State Normal College, of Angola, Ind., from which he graduated March 29, 1890. The following summer he studied law with S. Sanders, of Columbus Grove, and in the autumn of the same year he began a course of law study in the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. Here he remained until June, 1892, when he graduated in this institution, having been admitted to the bar of Michigan on June 3d of the same year. He then lo-

cated at Ottawa, O., where he entered the law office of Haskell & Sutton and remained with them until fall, when he was admitted to the bar of Ohio.

He then formed a partnership with James P. Leasure, and under the firm name of Leasure & Killen he practiced law in Ottawa for one year, when the partnership was dissolved and

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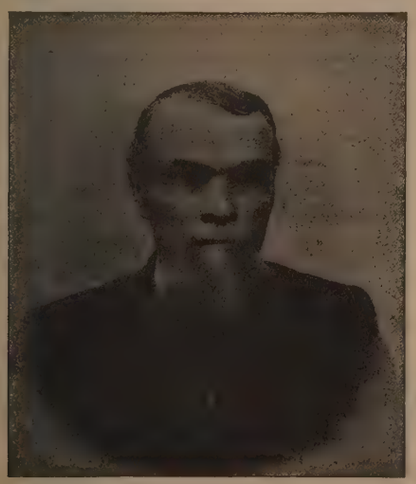
he traveled through the west for several months. During the year he was located in Ottawa he acted as city solicitor, and his services in this office mark his character as imbued with those traits necessary to discharge public duties and trusts with entire satisfaction.

Upon his return from the west he located in Columbus Grove, and in May, 1894, began the practice of law. Mr. Killen is a young man of fine abilities; he is master, early in life, of a complete education; he is bold in the assertion of what he deems to be right. He is true to his friends, honorable and ambitious to the possibilities of his profession Although a born Republican, he affiliates with the Democratic party and is worthy of the highest trusts of his party.

DAVID JONES.

A review of business or historical facts of Putnam county would be incomplete if it lacked a prominent mention of the life and business of David Jones. He is the son of Daniel and Eleanor Jones and was born in South Wales, England, January 22,



DAVID JONES.

1835. When eight years of age he came to America with his father, settling in 1843 at Granville, Licking county. He lived in Granville one year and then came with his family to Kalida, this county.

He attended the public school of that town for the next four years, having for his schoolmates Gen. A. V. Rice and John McClure. At the end of four years he moved to Vaughnsville, and there learned the saddlery trade.

In 1855 he was married to Miss M. E. Hiner, of Columbus Grove, and in 1858 settled in the latter place. Columbus Grove then had three hundred inhabitants and the D. & M. railroad had just been constructed through the town.

Mr. Jones established his present business, that of harness and saddlery, in 1858, and the continuation of that business until the present time distinguishes the proprietor as being the oldest merchant in his line in the county and as one of the oldest continuous merchants in the county.

In 1863 he was elected first Mayor of his adopted town, and during the next twenty-five years of his life he held the office of Mayor or Justice of the Peace, and at different times, both offices at the same time. He holds a commission as Justice of the Peace or Notary Public from all the Governors of Ohio since 1864, or from John Brough to William McKinley.

In 1874 he purchased the site of his present beautiful home on Sycamore street, and since that time he has so improved the residence and grounds as to make it one of the finest homes in the county, He subscribed to the creed of the Presbyterian church many years ago, and for the past twenty five years has been an elder in the church at Columbus Grove and has represented his church in all its courts from that to the present time.

He has one child, D. F. Jones, born August 12, 1871, now an able partner and assistant in his father's business. Among his fellow townsmen, and by all who know him, David Jones is regarded as an exemplary citizen, an earnest christian and a great business man.

He has discharged a long series of public trusts, and has so conducted himself in public and private life and so managed his affairs as to give him rank in the highest citizenship of his county. His mother is living at the advanced age of eighty-six years.

SIMON MAPEL.

We are about to record the biography of an individual whose life and acts are closely related to the progress of Putnam county for the past half century. Simon Mapel was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, June 9, 1814, where he lived until 1839, when he moved to Marysville, Ky., remaining there until 1842, when he moved to Bluffton, Ohio.

He was a citizen of Bluffton only one year, and in the latter part of 1843 he became a resident of Putnam county, locating at Gilboa. At the latter place he formed a partnership with Wm. Hughes and engaged in the mercantile business, which, together with the management of the Gilboa mill, formed his occupation until 1855, when he formed a partnership with the late Stansbury Sutton, and under the firm name of Maple & Sutton continued his mercantile pursuits until 1873, when, disposing of the same, he moved to Columbus Grove, and from that time to the day of his death no man was more active in aiding the progression of this town than was Simon Mapel.

He engaged in the mercantile business in his new home, but in 1874 abandoned these pursuits and organized the Exchange Bank of Columbus Grove, an institution of which he was at the head until the day of his death, and which has ranked since the date of its organization as one of the leading private banks of the State.

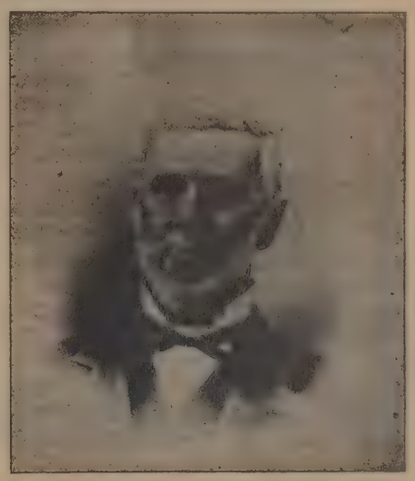
Mr. Mapel was married three times and was the father of thirteen children, nine of whom survive him. His first marriage was to Miss Johanna G. Maguire, on July 9, 1836, with whom he had five children—Elizabeth, born August 1, 1837; James, born January 24, 1840; Martha G., born April 7, 1842; Thomas G. and Stephen, twins, born July 29, 1844. His second marriage was to Rachel Thrapp, and occurred May 27, 1845. By this marriage seven children were born: William T., born August 1, 1846; Sarah T., born September 22, 1848; Lewis, born July 23, 1850; Mary Alice, born May 1, 1852; Simon Cortes, born January 26, 1854; Edward M., born April 17, 1856; Charles, born November 14, 1859. His third marriage was to Catharine McClure, of Putnam county, on March 5, 1861, who survives him, and by whom was born Zoa, (now Mrs. Dr. Breckbill) December 19, 1861.

Mrs. Mapel, *nee* McClure, proved an able assistant to the great undertakings of her husband, and to her is due much of the credit for that judgment, energy and able business management which made the name of Simon Mapel famous and accumulated for his family one among the largest fortunes ever distributed in the county.

At the age of nineteen years he united with the Methodist Protestant church at his home in Pennsylvania, with which church he remained until 1873, when he became a member of the Protestant Episcopal church at Columbus Grove, and was identified as the leader of the progress of that church throughout his life.

In politics Mr. Mapel adhered to the principles of Democracy, and ranked as one of the leaders of his party in Putnam county. In business he was active to the extent of endangering his own health, honorable, painstaking, sagacious, progressive and worthy of the highest trusts, he drew about him that class trending towards the highest social and business elevation.

In private life he produced all the elements of a good citzen, husband, father and friend, and his last hours were marked by a



SIMON MAPEL.

due recognition of these qualifications by his neighbors, friends and posterity. In religion he is worthy of the highest praise, having been the most active member in one of the county's most progressive churches for twenty years.

He lived a christian, he taught his neighbors christianity, he aided the needy, he elevated the financial condition of his church and by the universal sanction of his congregation he beheld the dedication of one of the finest church edifices in the county to his memory. Besides contributing liberally of his own energy to the erection of this chapel, he gave, unsolicited and unstintingly, during the course of erection the large sum of $1,200; and on the eve of death, with his hand trembling beneath the last throes of the grim monster, he fixed his signature to a check for $200 more. Nor was this all. His widow, no less devoted and enthusiastic in the cause of religion than her illustrious husband, has since his death contributed five hundred dollars additional.

The church is known as the Simon Mapel chapel; his name is carved in its corner stone; his acts are a part of its history, and it will ever stand as a fitting monument to one of Putnam county's most distinguished and foremost citizens. He died November 3, 1891, at his home in Columbus Grove.

THEODORE KUNNEKE.

A greater energy, a more remarkable progress, or a higher standard of citizenship has distinguished no son of Putnam county more than the subject of this sketch. Theodore Kunneke, son of Christian and Eleanor Kunneke, was born in Hanover, Germany, March 24, 1824. He attended the schools of his native place until fourteen years of age, when he learned the cabinet trade and came to America at the age of seventeen, landing in Baltimore during the Harrison campaign.

His first work at his trade in the new world was at Pittsburg, from which place he went to Cincinnati where he worked a

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short time and then entered into a three years' engagement with John Flanharty, a millwright of considerable note. His first work under this contract was in the Ozark mountains, in Missouri, where he assisted in constructing a mill, the material for which was taken from Cincinnati in a canal boat down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, and as far up the White river as it was navigable, by the workmen under Mr. Flanharty. He continued to fill his part of the contract with Mr. Flanharty until its expi

THEODORE KUNNEKE.

ration, working during the period at various places in the south and west, and at the end of his service he had mastered every art of his trade.

He then went to Dayton, Ohio, where his parents had settled in the meantime, and for the next few years his busy hammer figured in the construction of every mill on the Miami canal from Cincinnati to Delphos. Mr. Kunneke was a passenger on the first packet boat which made a continuous trip from Cincinnati to Toledo on the Miami canal. When this boat entered Toledo the only business street in the town was Water street.

In 1850 he came to Columbus Grove to build a mill for Jonathan Brice, and when it was completed he returned to Dayton, but only remained a short time, and in 1851 returned to Columbus Grove, and since that date has been a citizen of Putnam county, and his great energies have been identified with many of the best improvements of the county. On coming to Columbus Grove he established himself in the mercantile business, which he continued for five years, when he sold out and engaged in contracting and building. He followed this from 1856 to 1893, in which latter year he retired from active life the incumbent of a comfortable fortune and lasting honors.

He has constructed many of the most substantial improvements to his adopted town on his own account, and they will long remain, bespeaking the wonderful progress of their promoter. In 1870 he constructed his handsome brick residence on East Sycamore street. In 1873 he built the brick block on the northeast corner of High and Sycamore streets, which was one of the first brick business rooms constructed in the town. Nine years later, in 1882, he superseded all his former efforts at improvement when he constructed his handsome brick block on the southwest corner of High and Sycamore streets, a cut of which we present to our readers, and which is now partially oc cupied by his son, J. H. Kunneke, for his general store.

In addition to the vast business enterprises and transactions which he has promoted and executed, he has owned and managed two of Putnam county's banner farms, and in the line of an agriculturist has displayed the same good judgment used in his other business, and has demonstrated a remarkable adaptability for successfully managing whatever he undertakes.

He was married in 1848 at Dayton, Ohio, to Miss Margaret Dubner, of that city, with whom he had one son, Louis, born in 1849, died at Columbus Grove in 1891. Three years later his wife died, and in 1853 he married Miss Mary E. Featheringill, of Putnam county. To this union there was born two children: Martha E., born 1855, died at Anderson, Indiana, in 1894; John H., born January 13, 1858, now in business at Columbus Grove.

Mr. Kunneke has been contractor and builder of many of the finest buildings of Columbus Grove and southern Putnam county. His work has given universal satisfaction, and his great energy and industry have never been excelled by any citizen of Putnam county, and as long as the name of Putnam county fills its place on the map of Ohio, so long will the name of Theodore Kunneke be inseparably linked with the highest business and social element.

JOHN H. KUNNEKE.

John H. Kunneke, son of Theodore and Mary E. Kunneke, was born January 13, 1858, in Columbus Grove, Ohio. He is of German and Scotch-Irish parentage. After taking the course of instruction in the public schools of his native town, he began clerking in the general store of Day & King, in the same town, where he worked six years. In the spring of 1873 he left their employ to attend the National Normal School, at Lebanon,

JOHN H. KUNNEKE.

Ohio, where he took a commercial course, after which he attended Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio, one year and a half and then entered the employ of Calvin Halladay, of Lima, O., in the dry goods business, where he remained until the fall of 1882, when he returned to Columbus Grove and opened up a dry goods and general merchandise store in the Kunneke block, in which business he is engaged at present.

On June 19, 1888, he was married to Miss Belle McComb, of Columbus Grove, Ohio, daughter of R. C. and Margaret McComb, well known residents of this place, Mr. McComb being one of the pioneers of this township, as was Mr. Kunneke's mother who came here in 1833, when a baby, and with her father and mother, John and Martha Featheringill, found lodging in an Indian tent until a cabin could be erected.

Mr. and Mrs. Kunneke have two children—John Wendell, born April 21, 1889, and Helen McComb, born May 16, 1893. Through hard work, integrity and close attention to business Mr. Kunneke has gradually built up his business until now it is in rank with the best stores in northwestern Ohio.

REV. WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK BRICE.

While the personal life and works of the subject of this sketch are familiar to but few citizens of Putnam county now living, yet his life and the record he made during twenty years of citizenship is a part of the history of the county, and no man, living in his time, contributed more or grander work toward the development of our institutions or the onward march of our progressive civilization.

Rev. W. K. Brice moved to Putnam county from the village of Denmark, in Ashtabula county, Ohio, and settled on a small farm two miles southwest of Columbus Grove, on the Vaughnsville road adjoining Truro cemetery, and then the site of Truro church, in 1848. Truro Church was a product of Presbyterianism and Rev. Brice was one of the most learned, energetic and progressive ministers of that denomination in his time. He

became stated supply of Truro church February 1, 1849, and in May, 1850, pastor, which pastorage was continued until September 3, 1868, nearly twenty years.

During this long period of pioneer ministry no village church in the northwest developed a higher stage of progression, and no minister attained a more devoted or worthy name. At a time when the undertaking seemed beyond human courage and far beyond human success, he reorganized Truro church, moved

REV. WILLIAM K. BRICE.

the site to Columbus Grove, and in 1851 erected a new church building at that place at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars.

Three years following the beginning of his ministry of Truro church he was at the head of one of the most prosperous religious organizations in the northwest, and he held the unbounded confidence and esteem of his church and of all who knew him untilthe day of his death, July 10, 1870.

Rev. Brice continued to live on his farm during the time of his ministry and reared his family there, superintending their early education and fitting them early in youth for entrance to a collegiate course. As a parent and educator he distinguished himself to such an extent as to give to the world one of her most successful and illustrious sons, Calvin S. Brice, now junior United States Senator from Ohio.

FIRST ROADS AND MAIL ROUTES.

"The first road in the county was the one cut through from Fort Recovery to Defiance, by Anthony Wayne, in 1794. This passed along the west side of the Auglaize River, and has ever since, with few variations, been used as a public road. At the intersection of Jennings Creek with the Auglaize, on this road, Colonel Jennings erected, in 1812, a stockade for the protection of supplies between Fort Recovery and Fort Defiance; and, on this road, the first mail route was established and the mail carried between Piqua and Defiance, once a week, on horseback, supplying between the termini the offices of Hardin, Wapakoneta, and Sugar Grove (this was at the house of Sebastian Sroufe, near Hover's Mills), the only office in the county. The mail was carried by a boy, C. C. Marshall, from September, 1829, to December 31, 1831. And here permit me to say, that the boy, C. C. Marshall, has since then filled the office of Justice of the Peace for twenty three years; Mayor of the town of Delphos for ten years; Commissioner of Allen county for three years; Superintendent of the Miami and Erie Canal for seven years, and was a member of the House of Representatives, as well as of the Senate, of the State of Ohio.

THE FIRST MINISTER.

"Rev. J. J. Hill was the first minister that had regular work. This was in 1830 and 1831. He was a Methodist, and took a circuit commencing at St. Marys, thence to Wilshire, Shane's Crossing, Fort Amanda, Hog Creek, near Elida; Cochran's on the Auglaize; Defiance, Antwerp; thence down the Maumee to Florida; thence back to St. Marys—a distance of three hundred miles—making the circuit once in four weeks, at a salary of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS.

"The first school house was built on the high ground, on the west side of the Auglaize River, at the mouth of the Blanchard, in 1829, with Louis Sroufe, teacher.

"In 1831 or 1832 Benjamin Clevenger built a mill on Sugar Creek, and Jacob Ridenour a horse mill, on the Blanchard. The first was a "wet weather mill," the other could grind about a bushel of corn an hour. In 1836 Guthrie & Sarber erected a mill at Kalida, and in 1837 Elisha Stout built one at Gilboa.

MISCELLANEOUS.

"The first marriage on record in the county was that of George Mell and Mary Ord, Sunday, June 15, 1834. The second was that of John Tegardin and Diana Ord, Thursday, October 2, 1834.

"The first bond (except official bonds) on file in the county was given by Daniel L. Goble, with Ebenezer Goble as surety, in the penal sum of five hundred dollars, the conditions of which were that a negro girl, named Rachel, whom he had brought into the State of Ohio, should not become a public charge.

"The first naturalization papers were granted to John Francis Kuhle, a native of the Kingdom of Hanover, and to James Watkins, a native of Wales, November, 1835.

RESIDENCE OF CHRISTIAN BASINGER.

"The first order of notice by publication made by the courts was at the May term, 1835, in a case between Joshua Waggonseller vs. Jacob Dewees, when the court ordered that 'notice of the pendency of this suit, and the substance of the bill and the prayer thereof, be published for four consecutive weeks in the *Saturday Evening Post*, a newspaper published in Philadelphia; the first publication to be two months previous to the next term of this court, and a copy of the same to be posted on the door of the Court House four months previous to the next term of this court.'"

CHRISTIAN BASINGER.

Mr. Basinger was born in Putnam County, March 12, 1846. He is a son of John D and Elizabeth (Musser) Basinger, who came to this county in 1835. His first wife, who died November 5, 1871, was Ragane Lugabill, daughter of David and Catharine Lugabill, who settled in the county in 1834. The second marriage occurred June 9, 1873, to Barbara Bucher, daughter of Christian and Anna (Amstutz) Bucher, who settled in the county in 1832. His children are—William, born March 9, 1868, married Miss Minnie A. Risser, daughter of David Risser; Levi, born March 29, 1870, married Miss Elizabeth Amstutz, daughter of Christian B. and Catharine Amstutz; Susanna, born May 29, 1874, living with her parents; Mary, born July 24, 1876, died in infancy.

Mr. Basinger is one of Putnam county's prominent farmers and stock raisers. He has also for many years been engaged in dealing in live stock, and in 1887 he visited Europe and bought in France and imported a number of Percheron and French coach horses. This he followed up during the years 1888–89–90, importing in all fifty head of those famous horses. His son William is one of the county's energetic and prosperous young men and is engaged in farming and stock raising. Levi, his second son, is occupying the responsible position of book-keeper and assistant cashier in the People's Bank, of Columbus Grove, of which our subject is president.

WILLIAM BASINGER.

Mr. Basinger, son of Christian Basinger, was born March 9, 1868, in Riley township, Putnam county, Ohio.

He was united in marriage to Miss Minnie A. Risser, daughter of David Risser. Mrs. Basinger was born April 27, 1873. To this union there was born two children: Leonard William, March 22, 1894, and Marguerite Barbara, May 30, 1895.

Mr. Basinger is one of Putnam county's energetic and prosperous young men, and is engaged in farming and stock raising.

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JUDGE HENRY MORRIS.

Henry Morris was born in Kentucky in 1806. He was a son of Joseph and Levina (Drake) Morris. Joseph Morris was born in Virginia and his wife in New Jersey. They were married in Virginia and moved to Kentucky and lived on a farm until 1812, when they moved to Clark county, Ohio, near South Charleston, on a farm, where they lived and raised a family of fourteen children—seven boys and as many girls.

Henry Morris was married to Miss Margaret Weaver in 1832, and in that year they moved to Putnam county and settled on the southwest quarter of section six, of Monroe township, which is now in Allen county. Here they cleared and improved the farm on which they lived and reared a family of ten children. They were the first settlers in that vicinity, having for their nearest neighbors George, Samuel, John and Isaac Clevenger, who lived three miles west of them.

JUDGE AND MRS. HENRY MORRIS.

Father Morris being noted for his intellect and integrity was chosen as Associate Judge of the first court of the county. Politically he was a Democrat, and his religious affiliations were with the Old school Baptists, having served as minister of the gospel for many years.

In 1877, after a short illness, he departed this life to inherit that home which his Savior had gone to prepare, and on September 7, 1891, his faithful and devoted wife went to join him in that eternal home.

DR. JOSEPH MORRIS.

Dr. Morris, son of Henry Morris, who was one of the first three Associate Judges of the county, was born in Monroe township, then Putnam county but now Allen county, Ohio, December 10, 1838. He received his education in the then poorly equipped country schools. He attended school about twenty days each year, but his leisure hours were not idled away, for we find him teaching school at the age of nineteen.

Having procured a medical work he commenced the study of medicine in 1858, at home on the farm at the age of twenty, and in 1859 he entered the medical department of the University of Michigan, graduating from that institution in 1861. He has since attended two partial courses in the medical colleges of New York City.

On September 30, 1860, he came home from college and was married to Sarah C. Smith, daughter of James and Mary (Stover) Smith, of Sugar Creek township, this county. He with his young wife returned to college and completed his medical course.

On his return from college he moved into a house built on the farm on which he was born, he having purchased an acre from his father for a home. He here entered upon the practice of medicine and continued in that practice until in September, 1864, when he was commissioned First Assistant Surgeon of the 173d Regiment, O. V. I. He joined this regiment at Gallipolis on September 20, 1864, and served in that capacity with his regiment, except two months, during which time he was on detached duty at the Post hospital, of Nashville Tenn., until July 5, 1865, when he was discharged with his regiment.

On returning home he again took up and continued his practice from his farm residence until 1870; when he established an office in Columbus Grove where he has followed his profession to the present time. In addition to his practice Dr. Morris has been somewhat engaged in public enterprises. He, in connection with Mr. Isaac Holmes, constructed the first mile of macadam road built in the county, and has since constructed several miles of macadam road in Pleasant and Sugar Creek townships.

On July 14, 1875, his wife died at the age of 36 years, 2 months and 7 days. To them were born—Galenus, July 23, 1861; Alfred, October 1, 1862; Josephine, July 11, 1864, deceased; Sarah Lucinda, September 24, 1866, died August 5, 1877; Frank, May 25, 1868; Rosella, January 17, 1870, who is now a teacher in the Columbus Grove schools.

Mr. Morris was married July 3, 1876, to Miss Diana Seitz, born May 8, 1837, daughter of Daniel and Catharine Seitz, of Fairfield county, Ohio. To them were born Robert D., May 28, 1877; Lizzie, July 20, 1879.

CALVIN A. M'DOWELL.

The subject of this sketch was born in Licking county, Ohio, January 14, 1835. He is a son of John and Eliza (Ackley) McDowell, who came to this country in 1836. Mr. McDowell was married in Allen county, Ohio, February 7, 1861, to Miss Elizabeth A. Caddy, who was born in Morrow county, Ohio, December 6, 1840. She is a daughter of Charles and Mary (Dyer) Caddy. To them were born: Mary G., December 7, 1861, married to Thomas C. Rimer January 28, 1885; Anna C., February 17, 1865, married to Frank B. Lewis, February, 1888;

CALVIN A M'DOWELL.

Clifford, November 14, 1866, died September 5, 1869; Charles C., September 27, 1870, married Anna Jones, daughter of Philip and Arie (Buckingham) Jones, March 20, 1895; Lee V., March 17, 1875.

Mr. McDowell is a farmer, but has filled numerous positions of public trust. In his earlier years he was engaged as teacher in the public schools of the county, and has taught, in all, about thirty terms of school.

He was twice elected to and served two terms in the office of County Surveyor. He was Superintendent of the Putnam County Infirmary from 1885 to 1892. Served as Justice of the Peace and Constable in Riley township, Township Clerk of Union township, and Township Trustee of Pleasant township. His neighbors, on numerous occasions, have chosen him to place an equitable value on their properties, to be returned for taxation. These places our subject has filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people who entrusted him with these duties.

DR FRANK MORRIS,
Physician and Surgeon, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

DWIGHT A. ELWELL.

The subject of this sketch is a product of Putnam county, having been born at Columbus Grove June 28, 1871, and is the son of Hiram S. and Mary Jane Elwell.

He attended the public school of his native town, graduating from the same in the spring of 1888. He then entered the dental office of Dr. H. S. Sanders, of Columbus Grove, as an apprentice, remaining in that office two years. In the fall of 1890 he began a course in the Indiana Dental College of Indianapolis,

DWIGHT A ELWELL.

and continued a student in this school until March 4, 1892, on which date he graduated and immediately returned to Columbus Grove and began the practice of his profession. He has since followed his chosen calling with unabated success, and now ranks as one of the first dentists in his county.

On June 19, 1895, Mr. Elwell was married to Miss Della F. Roberts, who was born at Columbus Grove January 23, 1875, and is the daughter of J. E. and Nora E. Roberts. He is a young man of fine abilities, good character, and is the possessor of a knowledge equal to the highest standard of his profession.

We regard him as a young man whose prospects are very brilliant and of whom Putnam county should be proud. He has branch dental offices at Leipsic and Gilboa.

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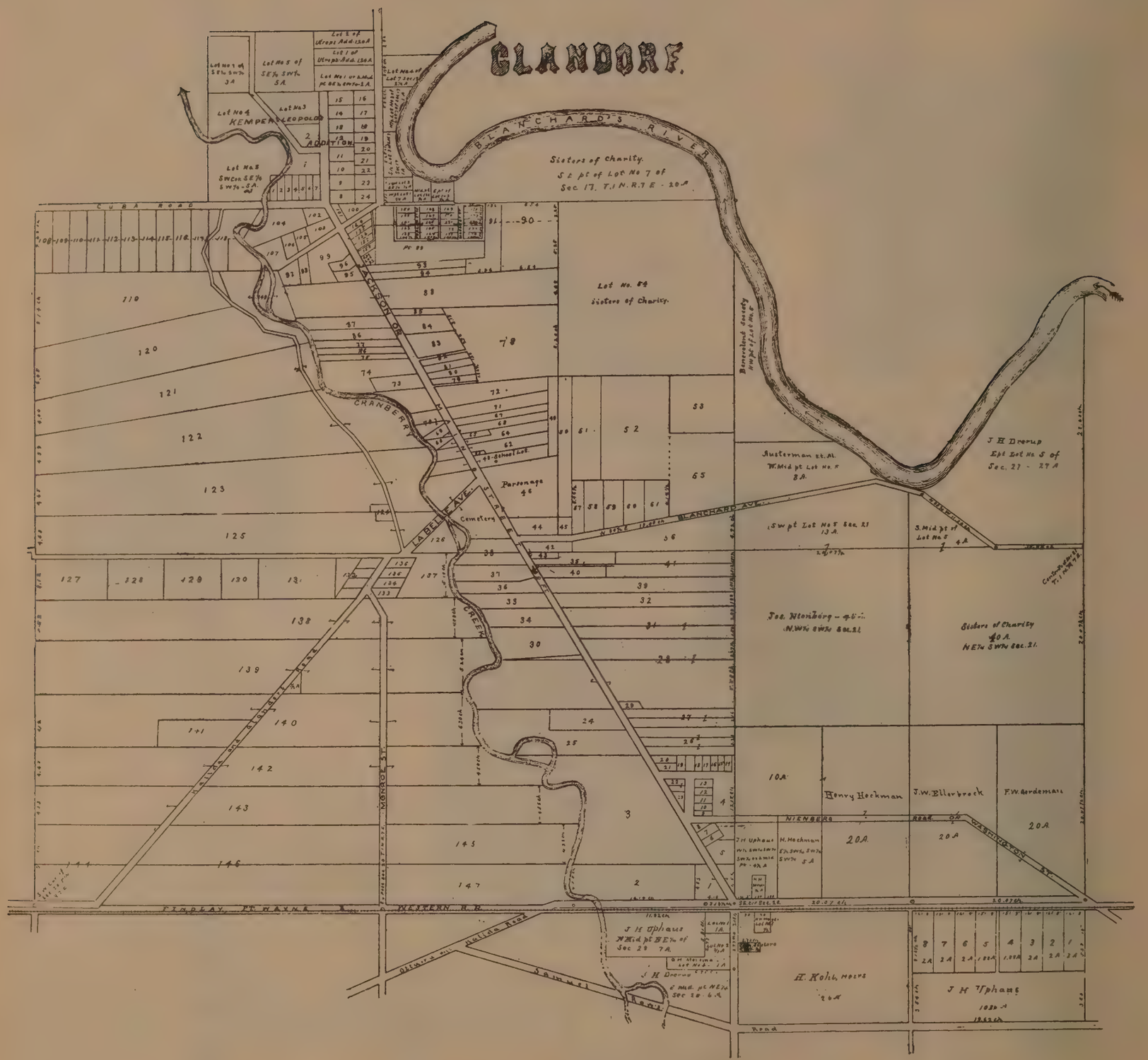
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History of Glandorf.

This village was named in honor of Glandorf, Germany, the native town of Prof. William Horstman, John F. Kahle, William Guelker, Christian Stropè, Mathias Bockrath F. Wischman, Ferd. Bockrath and Ferdinand Brodeick, who formed a colony and settled where Glandorf now stands in 1834. In that year a church was erected which was also used as a school house.

This village was built up somewhat in the manner of a German village and had no municipal form of government until August 7, 1891, when it was incorporated as a village with William Altekruse, as Mayor; F. W. Hoffman, Clerk; Joseph Nienberg, Treasurer; Fred Franks, Marshal; T. F. Burger, Street Commissioner; W. F. Hoffman, Henry Kemper, Henry Merseman, Dr. A. Borman, B. F. Wortkoetter and Joseph Winkleman, Councilmen.

The village officers at this time (1896) are as follows: Joseph Roof, Mayor; F. W. Hoffman, Clerk; Joseph Nienberg, Treasurer; Fred Franks, Marshal; John Smith, Street Commissioner; Henry Merseman, T. R. Heckman, Frank Morman, Joseph Winkleman, Anthony Sommers and W. F. Hoffman, Councilmen.

Glandorf for many years was the great boot and shoe trade center of the county and can boast of the only Woolen mills in the county and of the first flouring mill in the state to use the new system of rollers known as the Allfree system now (1896) being put in the Glandorf mill by Mr. Nartker. The large bending works, operated by F. N. Ellis, is an industry of which the village and the county may well feel proud. The other lines of business and trade are well represented in this Americanized German village.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, GLANDORF.

The Rev. William Horstman resigned his professorship at Osnabruck, Germany, April, 1833. At a meeting held in Glandorf, the following persons volunteered to accompany him to America with the intention of founding a colony: John F. Kahle, William Guelker, Christian Strope, Mathias Bockrath, F. Wischmann, Fred Bockrath, and Ferd. Brodeick. These left their fatherland August 28, embarked on the boat "Columbus," September 7th, and arrived at New York November 6th. From there they went via Albany and Buffalo to Detroit. Rev. Hortsman, or the professor, as he was familiarly called, and Mr. Kahle, in order to find a suitable place for the whole party, traveled, partly on foot and partly by stage, through Western Ohio, passing Ft. Defiance, Ft. Jennings, Wapakoneta, and reached Cincinnati December 12, 1833. Returning by the same route, they paid a short visit to the colonists of Stallo (Minster).

Samuel Meyer, of Ft. Jennings, directed them to John Meyer in Greensburg township, where Mr. Kahle bought section fifteen. Prof. Hortsman procured 560 acres in Ottawa township, in section twenty, and 160 in section twenty-nine. The rest of their party, whom they had left at Detroit, were brought here after a wearysome journey, the latter part of January, 1834. Here these few men were in mid-winter in the wild forests, surrounded and visited only by homeless Indians; but they had an undaunted courage and muscular arms. They lowered trees, tilled the ground around the remaining stumps, and constructed their primitive log houses. One of them, 16x18 feet, served as church, school and dwelling for the pastor. It was located on the western bank of Cranberry creek, near the present site of H. Nartker's home. Here Professor Horstman celebrated, on Easter Sunday, March 30, 1834, mass for the first time.

It will be readily understood that these years of colonization were years of trials and painful privations. The scanty provisions, which had been taken from Detroit, were soon exhausted; corn and potatoes, which the poorly cultivated soil could yield, were scarce; roads were not yet opened, and the woods that had to be penetrated to reach any market abounded in swamps, and rendered traveling almost impossible. All farming utensils had to be brought from great distances, and often their transportation caused as much anxiety as did the means of securing them.

H Kolhoff, H. Schroeder, H. Duling, Ed. Mueller, Jos. Utendorf, B. H. Unverferth, C. Gerding, C. Schirloh, T. Meyer and Wm. Feldmann increased the colony in 1834. J. B. Drerup, J. B. Lehmkuhle, J. H. Hoffman, J. H. Moening, J. G. Uphaus and H. Recker arrived in 1835. J. F. Verhoff, T. Ellerbrock, B. Erhart and others came in 1836.

By this time the old church was too small, and a new one 22x40 was built on the northwest corner of Jackson street and La Belle avenue, where at present is the house for the organist. This church was dedicated February 26, 1837. A dwelling, 28x36, for the priest, was built by Prof Horstman in 1838, where the present pastoral residence is.

Prof. Horstman, seeing himself unable to comply with all the demands of an increasing congregation at home and the extensive missionary field abroad, obtained in 1841 an assistant in the person of Rev. Geo. Boehne, who worked here zealously till 1848, when he was transferred to Ft. Jennings, where he died in 1860. The arduous work had undermined the strong constitution of the Professor and his health failed in the spring of 1842, and the Almighty called his untiring and faithful servant February 21, 1843, to a better home. He had reached the age of sixty-five and was loved by all. In 1883 the congregation erected a monument to the noble and self-sacrificing priest. This monument he well deserved, for he was a kind father to all. When his end drew nigh he willed all his land to the congregation for whom he had worked so many years. The proceeds of the Professor's estate were devoted to the building of the present beautiful church.

THE ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, GLANDORF, OHIO.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Purcell, of Cincinnati, visited Glandorf in 1841, and when he came again in 1845 he encouraged Father Boehne to build a larger and more durable church. The foundation was built in 1846, and the church, 90x50 feet, was dedicated December 3, 1848. The cash expenses for this building had been reduced to a minimum by gratis labor. Every member of the parish had his appointed days to work, thus all the foundation stones were quarried and brought to the place, all the bricks were made and much of the other material was furnished free of cost. The church was considered in those times the *ne plus ultra*, and spacious enough for centuries. In the meantime all northern Ohio was separated from the diocese of Cincinnati and formed into a new diocese with its first bishop, Rt. Rev. A. Rappe, at Cleveland. He requested Father Brunner, founder and superior of the Society of the Precious Blood in America, to take charge of the parish at Glandorf. Revs. H. Obermueller, A. Kunkler, A. Herbstritt, Max Homburger, Al. Schelbert, A. Kramer, have successfully worked as pastors of Glandorf from 1848 to 1861, when Rev. August Reihert was appointed for the position. In 1862 he built the present pastoral residence, and in 1864 procured the pipe organ still in use. He also built the St. Peter and Paul's church at Ottawa, in 1868.

It may be mentioned here that the church members of Glandorf furnished not less than fifty four men to the Union army in the late rebellion. Thirty-three were volunteers, and twenty-one were drafted. Glandorf's patriotism can therefore not be called in question.

Hitherto all Catholics living in Greensburg, Ottawa, in North Union and Pleasant townships, attended church in Glandorf. In 1862 the church of New Cleveland was built; 1868 in Ottawa; in 1878 in Kalida; still the necessity for a more spacious church was imperative.

Rev. B. Dickman, who succeeded, in May, 1874, Rev. August Reihert, undertook the laborious task of raising the necessary funds to build the new church. During his first year he succeeded in raising a subscription of $25,000, notwithstanding the great financial difficulties felt at that time. The foundation of the new church was laid in 1875, and the building put under roof in 1876. The tower was finished in 1877, and the interior of the church completed in 1878. The dedication took place December 15, 1878, by Rt. Rev. Bishop Gilmour. The church is cruciform, in Gothic style, constructed of brick and ornamented with white sandstone. It is 175 feet long, with a general breadth of 70 feet; the transept is 86 feet, the spire 225 feet high. The outside is imposing, with the most perfect symetry, and the inside fills the visitor with awe and reverence. With its

lofty pillars, its high arches and beautiful windows, its rare fresco and paintings, together with the rich altars and the devout representations of Christ's way of the cross and with its magnificent pulpit, it has indeed all the sacredness of the house of God. This," exclaims the stranger, "is no other but the house of God and the gate of Heaven." Gen. 28:16

REV. FRANCIS NIGSCH, PASTOR GLANDORF CHURCH.

Innumerable are the merits due to Rev. B. Dickman for rearing such a temple. His grand ideas were an impulse to Delphos, Ft. Jennings and Ottoville. The church is a lasting proof of his enterprising spirit, abilities, courage and perseverence. The members of the congregation faithfully supported their pastor, and universal was the regret when, in May, 1881, Father Dickman went to Nashville, Tenn., and was succeeded by Rev. M. Kenk, who, however, remained only a few months.

The writer of this article received his appointment as pastor of St. John's church, Glandorf, in October, 1881, and he has stuck to it ever since. By the generosity of his people he was enabled to procure the stations of the cross in 1885, the side altars in 1887, the magnificent main altar and the church pews in 1888. Two beautiful shrines in honor of the Sacred Hearts

THE HOUSE FOR THE CHURCH ORGANIST AT GLANDORF.

of Jesus and Mary were placed in the sanctuary in 1888 and 1891. By this time the debt which had been incurred in building the church was paid, so in 1892 the congregation owed not a cent. The furnaces originally placed in the basement of the church were insufficient in cold weather to heat the building comfortably, and were therefore, in 1892, replaced by Smead's heating and ventilating apparatus. In 1893 a house was built opposite the church for the organist. The house is a two story brick building and is an ornament to the town.

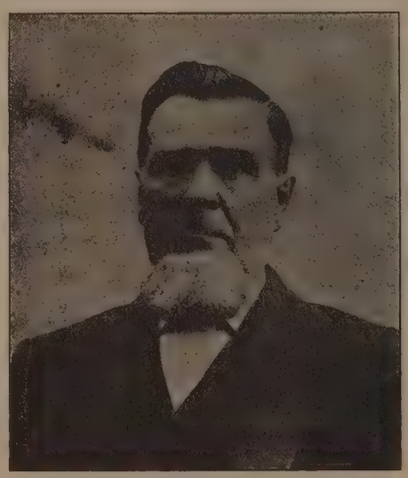
In looking back sixty-one years we find, though there is still room for improvement, that the St. John's congregation of Glandorf has kept pace with the general progress of the county. May it prosper for all generations to come.

JUDGE JOHN H. UPHAUS.

John H. Uphaus was born in Oldenburg, Germany, September 26, 1832, and emigrated with his parents, John G. and Katharine (Poeppelman) Uphaus, and settled in this county in the year 1835.

He was married at Glandorf, Ohio, October 26, 1858, to Volentine E. Drerup, daughter of John B. and Anna L. (Verning) Drerup, who also emigrated from Germany and settled at Glandorf, this county, in 1835. She was born in this county, February 14, 1837. Twelve children were born to them, eight of whom are now living—Frank H., born May 9, 1860, died June 4, 1860; Bernard H., born June 11, 1861, died May 23, 1862; Mary E., born October 28, 1862, now married to John H. Moening; Gerhard H., born February 5, 1865; Charles William, born October 26, 1866; Mary A., born December 7, 1868, died July 2, 1871; Bernard Joseph, born December 24, 1870; Caroline Catharine, born October 18, 1872, now married to William Heckman; John Frank, born December 8, 1874; Anthony F., born January 8, 1877, died January 15, 1877; Charles A., born December 9, 1878; Anna M., born June 19, 1881.

In former years Mr. Uphaus followed the carpenter trade for



JUDGE J. H. UPHAUS.

about fifteen years. In 1865 he was one of the founders of the Glandorf Woolen Mills, and in which he is interested to this time. In 1864–65 he was Assessor of Ottawa township, this county; served two years as Township Clerk; six years on the School Board; twelve years, from 1872 to 1884, as Justice of the Peace; six years, from February, 1885, to February, 1891, two terms, as Probate Judge of Putnam county, Ohio; and again elected Justice of the Peace, in April, 1894.

He was one of the founders of the Glandorf German Building and Loan Company, of Glandorf, Ohio, in October, 1887, and has been its president for over seven years, which position he holds at this time. Religiously, a Catholic; politically, a Democrat. Postoffice address, Glandorf, Ohio.

HENRY WOERTKOETTER.

The gentlemen who is to be represented by this article is the oldest continuous merchant tailor in Putnam county and holds a place, with honor, in the county's list of oldest continuous merchants. He was born on a farm, two and one-half miles south of Glandorf, in Pleasant township, this county, on the 12th day of July, 1846, and is the son of B. H. and Elizabeth Woertkoetter who are among the oldest and most honorable residents of the county.

Our subject attended school at Glandorf until fourteen years of age, walking the long distance from his father's farm to that village each day. After leaving school he worked on the farm until seventeen years of age, when he went to Ottawa and began learning the tailoring trade with Jacob Lentzy. There he remained four years, at the end of which time he had mastered every branch of his trade except cutting and fitting. He proceeded at once to Bucyrus, Ohio, where he learned this art of his

MR. AND MRS. HENRY WOERTKOETTER.

trade and at the age of twenty-two he pushed out into the world to fight his own way, the posessor of great energy and a proficient master of his chosen trade. For the next year he worked at Toledo and Delphos, Ohio, and in November, 1868, he located at Glandorf and established that business which is now well and favorably known far beyond the boundaries of Putnam county.

Mr. Woertkoetter was married February 23, 1870, to Miss Mary Schroeder, of Delphos, and to this union nine children have been born, eight of whom are living.

He is an enthusiastic promoter of the Glandorf Building and Loan Association and has held the positions of Director and Assistant Secretary in that organization. As a business man, no person has ever questioned his honor, integrity, or progress. As to his proficiency in all the arts of his trade, there are hundreds of his customers who stand ready to testifiy in his favor; as to his standing as an honorable citizen, no man disputes his right.

BUSINESS ROOM AND RESIDENCE OF HENRY WOERTKOETTER.

He is one of the best citizens and business men of his county, and one of the best cutters and tailors in Northwestern Ohio. The most fastidious customer will find satisfaction in his work.

JOSEPH KERSTING.

No business man of Putnam county is more favorably known or more highly reputed for his advanced business judgment and qualities than the subject af this sketch. Joseph Kersting was born April 14, 1856, at Wuennenberg, Province of Westphalia, Germany. He is the son of Anthony and Catharine Kersting.

The boyhood of young Kersting was spent in attending school in his native town until 1870, when he went to Cologne and se-

cured a position in a wine store, continuing his studies at night. For the next four years he worked and attended school in Cologne and the great college town of Bonn, and in 1874 he turned to the New World as a field for his life's work, landing in New York on the 12th day of October in that year. He immediately came to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he attended school four months, when he secured a position with a newspaper and

JOSEPH KERSTING.

continued to work in that position and for the well known book firm of Benziger Bros., of Cincinnati, until 1876, still continuing to attend school at night.

In 1876 he secured a position as book keeper in the wholesale leather house of A. B. Ratterman, in whose employ he remained seven years, resigning his position in 1882 on account of the inroads which his close application to his duties and the necessary confinement of the work were making on his health. In the latter part of the above year he secured a position as traveling salesman for the tailor trimming house of Kallmeyer, Kruthanp & Co. Soon after he found a better engagement with Allberger, Stoer & Co., of Philadelphia, Pa., in the same line and continued with that firm until 1888, when on May 1st of that year he formed a partnership with Hon. I. H. Kahle, of Glandorf, Ohio, and engaged in the general mercantile business in that village.

BUSINESS BLOCK OF JOSEPH KERSTING.

The reader can judge of the wonderful business progress and capacity of Mr. Kersting by a statement that during the first year of his management of this store the sales were increased from five to twenty-two thousand dollars per annum. He has since been engaged in this business at the same place, constantly increasing his trade and displaying that marked business ability which entitles him to a position in the very front rank of Putnam county's merchants. In 1892 he purchased the interests of Mr. Kahle.

He was married June 3, 1879, to Miss Anna Gieringer, of Cincinnati, Ohio. To this union has been born eight children—Joseph F., born June 3, 1880, now assisting his father in the store; Julia E., November 24, 1881; Stella M., September 20, 1884; Edwin J., November 25, 1886; Frances M., January 5, 1889; Albert A., February 8, 1891; Alphonso V., June 5, 1893; Carl A., August 9, 1895.

In 1886 Mr. Kersting moved to Glandorf, Ohio, and although still engaged as traveling salesman he at once showed a great interest in the progress of his adopted town and demonstrated the fact that he would form an important factor in the progress of any town or community. He was the principal organizer and promoter of The Glandorf Building and Loan Association, an organization whose reputation and worth are too well and favorably known to require extended mention here. He was elected secretary of the association in October, 1889, and has since filled this position with universal satisfaction. He holds undisputed rights to to the highest standard of citizenship and within his grasp the unquestioned esteem and confidence of the business world.

F. N. ELLIS.

The subject of this sketch, son of Smith A. and Elizabeth P. Ellis, was born March 31, 1855, at Townsend, Huron county, Ohio. He attended the public schools of that place until he was nineteen years of age, when he moved to Putnam county with his parents. His father established the Glandorf Bending Works, and he and his son, F. N. Ellis, operated these works until 1888,

FRANK N. ELLIS.

when he purchased his father's interest and has since that time been the sole proprietor of the works.

He was united in marriage September 8, 1882, to Miss Catharine M. Hornung, who was born in Cincinnati in 1861, and is a daughter of Eberhart and Theresa Hornung. To this union there has been born one child—Cornelius H., March 8, 1887.

GLANDORF BENDING WORKS.

JOSEPH ROOF.

Mr. Roof, Mayor of Glandorf, Ohio, was born March 24, 1853, near that village His parents, Marcus, born in 1811, and Mary Anna Roof, were born in Prussia.

Mr. Roof received his education in the schools of Greensburg township. He was married to Miss Lizzie, daughter of Bernard Rampe, June 17, 1884. She was born April 30, 1866.

RESIDENCE OF JOSEPH ROOF, MAYOR OF GLANDORF.

There were born to this union four children: Frances, August 20, 1886; Joseph, July 9, 1889; Alma, August 2, 1892; and Rudolph, September 18, 1894.

JOSEPH THOME.

In the steady-going village of Glandorf is to be found a mercantile business which would do credit to any town in the county. It is the hardware store of Joseph Thome & Co., and its manager ranks as one of the most active and progressive business men of the county.

Mr. Thome was born in the village of Glandorf, Ohio, October 1, 1864. He is the son of Nicholas and Agatha Thome, two well known and highly respected citizens of that city. He attended school at Glandorf until twelve years of age, when he began working on a farm, and continued to so work until twenty years of age. In 1884 he entered the store of Joseph Nienberg to learn the tinner's trade; five years later he became a partner of Mr. Nienberg's in the tinning business, and continued to

BUSINESS BLOCK OF JOSEPH THOME & CO.

conduct this business until 1893, when they established the hardware business of Joseph Thome & Co., and at this date Mr. Thome is manager of one of the largest, best regulated and most successful general hardware and implement stores in Northwestern Ohio. In 1892 the company built a handsome two story brick store room, 24x80 feet, which is one of the most substantial improvements in Glandorf. They handle the best goods, implements and vehicles offered in the marts of trade and their reliability and honor is unquestioned. Mr. Thome was married August 19, 1890, to Miss Anna Hoffman, who was born April 18, 1870, and is a daughter of Hon. W. F. Hoffman, present member of the Ohio Legislature from Putnam county, and one of the

leading citizens of the county. To this union have been born three children: Albert, born July 18, 1891; Walter, born December 10, 1892; and Clarence, January 10, 1894.

Although a young man, Mr. Thome has shown remarkable business ability and holds, in right, a distinguished place in the best business circles.

WILLIAM RAMPE, SR.

The accompanying illustration represents one of the leading citizens and business men of Putnam county during its growth from pioneer days to its present condition of marvellous development and agricultural supremacy. He was born in Glandorf, Hanover, Germany, December 11, 1827, where he attended school and learned the shoemaker's trade until twenty years of age. In 1847, in company with his two elder brothers, he came to America, settling in Cincinnati, where he worked at his trade two years, and in 1849 he moved to Glandorf, Ohio, where he

WILLIAM RAMPE, SR.

remained until 1850, moving thence to Dayton, Ohio. After living in Dayton six months he returned to Glandorf and established the boot and shoe business, which won a reputation superior to the progress of the community, and won for its proprietor a worthy and honorable name as a merchant of the highest type.

He was married to Theresa Ellerbrock, of Glandorf, in 1850, who died March 17, 1875, and to this union were born twelve children, six of whom are living: William Rampe, Jr., born January 11, 1853, now in the boot and shoe business and real estate business at Ottawa, Ohio; Theresa, May 26, 1855, now Mrs. Herbert Smith, of Leipsic; Frank B., September 24, 1861, now in the wholesale and retail boot and shoe business in Cincinnati, Ohio; Anna, April 8, 1864, now Mrs. A. Stechschulte, of Leipsic; John P., June 29, 1867, in the boot and shoe business in Leipsic, and Louis J., September 20, 1872, now in business at Glandorf. On November 16, 1875, he was married to Mrs. Wilhelmina Schmidt, which marriage was also a happy one until death separated them. William Rampe, was an able business man, broad in his views, enterprising in spirit, and progressive in action. He was honorable and painstaking in his work and trade, and consequently drew a large patronage from his own county and even beyond her limits, and for many years his energies held for Glandorf the distinguished position of being the greatest shoe town in the county. He employed from twenty-five to thirty shoemakers and manufactured boots and shoes for other retail dealers in a radius of 25 to 40 miles. He was known broadcast as a great shoe man, and his sons are today following his footsteps with the highest honors.

He died at Glandorf November 28, 1893, aged 65 years, 11 months and 17 days, full of honor, and bequeathing his posterity a fitting example of success.

JOHN D. BUSCHER.

The subject of this sketch holds his rank among the leading farmers of Putnam county, and the farm he owns and operates is one of the best improved and most beautiful in the county. He was born September 2, 1857, near Ottawa, Ohio, and is the son of John H. and Elizabeth (Fenger) Buscher, the former having come to this country in 1845 with his parents from Hanover, Germany, and the latter in 1835. He spent his youth in attending school at Glandorf and working on his father's farm.

On Oct. 12, 1887, Mr. Buscher was united in marriage to Jane Maria Hoffman, daughter of Ferdinand and Catharine (Feldman) Hoffman, the former born in Glandorf, Germany, September 8, 1832, came to Putnam county in 1835; the latter came to this county in 1832, and was born in 1832. To this union have been born the following children: Katharine Luella, February 4, 1889; John Henry, August 6, 1891, and Ferdinand Albert, November 18, 1893.

Mr. Buscher constructed one of the handsomest farm residences in the county in 1887; it is brick, two stories high, commodious and modern. This, with the erection of a large and substantial barn building later, and with other improvements of a similar character, present an imposing and remarkably thrifty appearance. We present our readers with a cut of the beauti-

RESIDENCE OF JOHN D. BUSCHER.

ful premises. Politically he is a Democrat and religiously a Catholic, and every act proves him one of our most practical and successful men.

FRED J. RAMPE.

The successor to the oldest and widest known boot and shoe store of Putnam county is Fred. J. Rampe, of Glandorf. He is a young man of remarkable activity and business ability, and the standard reputation of the famous boot and shoe store founded by his uncle, William Rampe, Sr., near a half century ago is not likely to wane under his management.

He was born November 5, 1863, in Covington, Kentucky, and is the son of Barney and Mary Rampe, who moved to Glandorf, Putnam county, in 1875, where our subject attended school four years and then began learning the shoemaker trade with his brother, J. J. Rampe, of Ottawa, Ohio, with whom he continued to work until 1883, when he entered the employ of his uncle, William Rampe, Sr., of Glandorf. Since that date he has been connected with this store as employee until his uncle's death in 1892, and since that date as proprietor.

Mr. Rampe was married September 4, 1883, to Miss Mary Smith, of Glandorf, daughter of Jacob L. and Wilhelmina Smith. To them have been born six children—Herbert, July 4, 1885; Wilhelmina, October 26, 1887; Emmeline, January 30, 1889; Mary F., October 24, 1890; Odelia, June 23, 1892; Philis, May 26, 1894.

We present our readers with an illustration of the business room in which the well known and highly esteemed William Rampe, Sr., worked himself up to such extensive confidence and patronage, and where one of his posterity is continuing the business on the same creditable plane.

BUSINESS HOUSE OF F. J. RAMPE

Mr. Rampe is an heir to the well known business activity and progression of the Rampe family. He is the possessor of a happy home and family, and the proprietor of one of the county's most successful mercantile concerns.

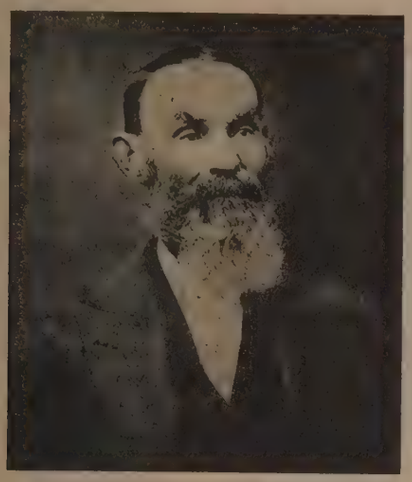
History of Gilboa.

This town was laid out in 1837 by Elisha Stout, who about that time built the first grist mill on the Blanchard river in this county. The first frame house in the town was built by Nelson McCallister. It was not long after the town was laid out that persons began to locate there. Benjamin Stewart opened a tavern and Edward Mercer started a store; a blacksmith and other mechanics gathered in and in time it became a thriving village; in fact it had the most rapid growth of any town in the county and in the times between 1840 and the early fifties was one of the most, if not the most, thriving towns of the county, making in 1852, at the time the first surveys were run for the Dayton & Michigan railroad an active and persistent contest with Findlay and Ottawa for the location of that road through Gilboa. Among the earlier prominent and active citizens of Gilboa were Matthew Chambers, Sr., who built the brick hotel; Col. M. C. Ewing, who owned what was then the largest general store in the county; Dr. T. E. Paul, who settled in the practice of medicine in 1845; William McClure, who also kept tavern and was afterwards our county treasurer; Simon Mapel and Stansberry Sutton, storekeepers, the first named being county commissioner and the last afterward Prosecuting Attorney and then county treasurer; Dr. Lyman W. Moe, who came in 1847. In 1848 an epidemic of cholera almost decimated the village.

The town was incorporated in 1848 by act of Legislature and has, so far as we can ascertain, kept up its corporate life ever since. Situated as Gilboa is in the center of what was the earliest settled and is still among the best agricultural portions of the county, surrounded by splendid farms, occupied by intelligent and well-to-do farmers, it has always kept a good trade and even in its darkest years, after its failure to secure the D. & M. railroad, it did not go back in its business so much, but it failed for awhile to progress as rapidly as some of the other towns in the county. While the construction of the Findlay, Fort Wayne & Western Railroad through its limits in 1888 has given an impetus to the growth of the town and its business, evidenced by the construction of new business buildings and dwellings, which gives bright promise of future prosperity.

JOHN MAIDLOW.

Mr. Maidlow was born in England, February 17, 1812, and came to this country with his parents in the year 1820, landing at Baltimore, Maryland. When thirteen years of age he came to this State and settled in Knox county, and on February 18, 1834, was married to Miss Lucinda A. Dowd, at the home of her parents about three miles north of Mt. Vernon. He came to

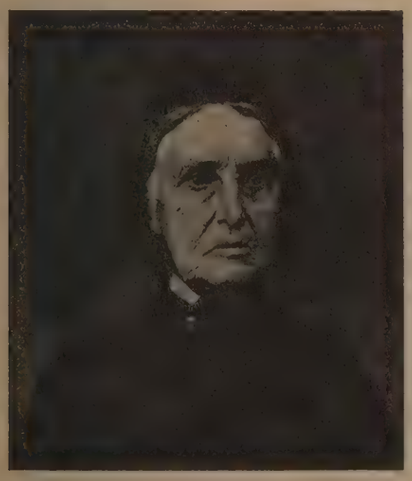


JOHN MAIDLOW.

Putnam county, March 8, 1837, and settled on the farm where he resided at the time of his death, which occurred December 6. 1888.

He was strictly honest in his dealings and generous to those in whom he had confidence, and a man of more than ordinary intelligence, being a great reader of books and newspapers. He was the pioneer in the matter of gravel road improvements of the county, as well as that of the drainage of lands, being a warm advocate of the utility of this class of improvements to develop the agricultural interests of the county. He was an extensive and successful farmer, and his lands were among the very best improved in the county.

In the year 1868 he was selected by the Democracy of the 10th Congressional District as one of the delegates to the National Democratic convention, held in New York, which nominated



MRS. JOHN MAIDLOW.

Horatio Seymour for the Presidency. While always taking an active part in politics, he frequently refused to accept nominations for office, claiming that the post of honor was the private station.

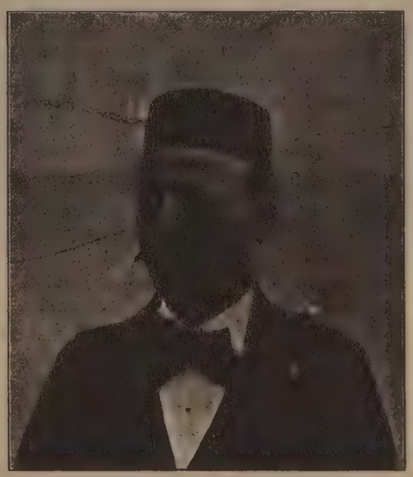
He and his devoted wife, who are now (1896) living at the old homestead, celebrated their golden wedding on February 18, 1884, upon which event a very large number of relatives and devoted friends were present. Among the guests who delivered addresses on the occasion were Judge J. J. Moore, Cortes Ewing, James H. Smith, Dr. Tupper and S. P. Weaver. There were present eleven children, thirty-eight grand children and one great grandchild.

Mrs. Maidlow was born in Knox county, Ohio, February 11, 1816. Their children are James A., born in Knox county, September 16, 1836, married to Mary Ann Buckland; Elizabeth Sophia, born in Putnam county, November 25, 1838, married to N. Conine; Ann, born August 18, 1840, married to D. E. Sandles; C. Edmond, born July 21, 1842, married to Belle Kline, deceased, and to Chloe Rogers, deceased; William Franklin, April 29, 1844, died December 5, 1891, married to Miranda Conine; Rebecca Jane, July 10, 1846, married to E. H. Buckland; Agnes Padwick, April 10, 1848, died April 23, 1888, married to Thomas Walford; Alice, March 27, 1850, married to R. L. Brooks; Laura, March 8, 1852; Martha Maria, February 20, 1854, married to Herman McDougle; Alford Spencer, February 26, 1855, married to Emma Carpenter; Putnam, November 25, 1858, married to Mary Cartwright.

Mr. Maidlow was a member of the Masonic order, and when he received the summon of the Great Master to appear in his eternal presence, this order, with the usual Masonic ceremonies, committed the body of their brother to its kindred dust and left him in the hands of a Being who has done all things well.

DR. A. C. MATTHIAS.

Dr. A. C. Matthias was born in Nimishillen township, Stark county, Ohio, May 19, 1844. His great grandfather, Daniel Matthias, Sr., came to this country from Germany prior to the Revolutionary War, in which he was a soldier. His grandfather,



DR. A. C. MATTHIAS.

Daniel Matthias, Jr., and grandmother (nee Saner) emigrated from Fayette county, Pennsylvania, to Stark county, Ohio, in 1806, where they resided until they died. His father and mother, Jacob and Mary (Stambaugh) Matthias, were married in Stark county, Ohio, and moved to Hancock county, Ohio, in 1849, where they lived until 1866, when they moved to Hillsdale county, Michigan, where they lived until death took them to their reward. His grandfather Matthias and grandfather Stambaugh were both ministers in the United Brethren church.

He served from 1861 to 1865 in the War of the Rebellion, in Company K, 65th O. V. V. I., enlisting at the age of seventeen. Was mentioned in orders for conspicuous bravery in the face of the enemy, May 11, 1864, and was severely wounded in the right arm, May 14, 1864, at Resacca, Georgia.

He was educated in the common schools. Studied medicine and graduated at Cleveland Medical College, February 6, 1869. In 1866 he was married to Elleanor Harris, who was born November 12, 1845, in Stallbridge, England. They have four children. Alva C. and Everett H. are druggists in Gilboa, O., Mary M., wife of Dr. M. A. Darbyshire, McComb, O., and Edward S., attorney-at-Law, Van Wert, Ohio

He has served two terms as President of the Putnam County Medical Society, is a member of the Northwestern Ohio Medical Society and the Ohio State Medical Society. Served four years as a member of the Ottawa Board of U. S. Examining Surgeons, was re-appointed to the same in 1894 and is its president. He is president of the Gilboa Building and Loan Company; is a member of Ottawa Lodge, Chapter and Council, F. and A. M.; Gilboa Lodge, I. O, O. F., of which he has been Recording Secretary ten years; of Lindsay Post, No. 75, G. A. R., of which he has been Commander nine years. He served the G. A. R. of Ohio as its medical director in 1884, and as delegate to the national encampment held at Boston, Mass., in 1870; A. D. C. to Commander in Chief two years, and delegate to the State encampment, G. A. R., for fifteen years consecutively. Residence—Gilboa, Ohio.

JOHN CRAWFIS.

Mr. Crawfis was one of the earliest of the pioneer settlers of this county. He was the son of Nicholas and Polly (McElroy) Crawfis and was born in Berne township, Fairfield county, Ohio, August 1, 1809, coming to Putnam county when he was twenty-four years old. He with his brothers, Lewis, Otho and Henry M., with Samuel Hall, the Harmons, Hardins, Moorheads and the Popes constituted the first settlers of that part of the county now known as Blanchard township, and formed the nuclus around which gathered the sturdy pioneers who developed the resources of its eastern portion. That portion of the county was settled before the Ottawa Indian reservation, which covered the

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greater portion of Ottawa township and a part of Blanchard, Riley and Pleasant townships, had been opened up for entry by the government. They were pioneers indeed, when they came there were no roads and nothing to guide them on their way through the forest save the Indian trails. Their only meat was the game which their rifles shot; their bread made from corn raised by themselves and grated while yet soft or pounded in stone mortars or ground in a primative hand mill, and their only fields those which their axes, wielded by brawny arms, wrenched from the primitive forest. Not the least prominent and useful among these hardy settlers was John Crawfis, the subject of this sketch. A keen hunter, a sure shot with his rifle and cunning in decoying the finny tribe from the waters of the Blanchard, he was also an industrious and faithful worker in clearing the forest trees from the fields which were to render him a rich reward for his labors. He was chosen as the first clerk of Blanchard township upon its organization in the fall of 1833, at which time it formed a part of Williams county and

included in its limits the present townships of Van Buren, Riley Blanchard and Richland, (now in Allen county.)

Mr. Crawfis was a man of strong natural capacity and exercised a large influence throughout the portion of the county in which he lived. He was never a seeker after office, yet notwithstanding his objections he was sometimes compelled to serve the public in an official capacity. But his industry and attention to business had their reward in making him at the time of his death the owner of several hundred acres of land and a large (for the time and locality) amount of money. His marriage with Sarah (Moorehead) Crawfis having proved untruitful, some time before his death, after consultation with his wife, he made his will, leaving, after providing for his wife, to the Masonic body of Ottawa, of which he was a member, the sum of $1,000 and to the township in which he was born and to Blanchard township each land, or lands and money estimated by him at $25,000, to be expended in the institution of a high school in each of the townships for the higher education of the children of such townships. The "Crawfis College" in Blanchard township in this county and a similar institution in Berne township, Fairfield county, were the result of that donation. Mr. Crawfis died at his home in Blanchard township, in the fall of 1880, and his wife survived him but a short time.

P. C. STATELER, V. S.

The subject of this sketch was born in Putnam county, Ohio, in 1858. He followed farming for a livelihood until 1886 when he left the farm and for the next two years attended Veterinary College at Toronto, Canada. When completing his college course Dr. Stateler moved to Gilboa, Ohio, and spent the next seven years of his life in the exclusive practice of Veterinary Surgery in Putnam and adjoining counties. Being a very close student the Doctor has elevated himself to the standard of his profession and enjoys an enviable reputation for his knowledge of disease and medicine and his skill as a surgeon.

P. C. STATELER.

In 1894 he began to handle real estate in connection with veterinary surgery and medicine and in this line too he has proved himself very proficient and at any and all times you can find him with a large list of valuable farm and town property at very reasonable prices.

GEORGE KOBER.

George Kober was born in Stark county, Ohio, November 5, 1832, and came to Putnam county in 1860. He was a man of remarkable energy, activity, thrift and endurance. Starting in life a poor boy, with nothing but good health, strength and pluck to recommend him, he purchased a large farm in Riley and Blanchard townships on the base line which he immediately cleared and improved, making it one of the best farms in the county. Mr. Kober was also engaged in buying, feeding and shipping stock in which he was very successful. He purchased another large farm in Blanchard township, soon after buying two other farms adjoining.

It was through his efforts that the Union Block, erected in 1883, which gave Leipsic a "new start," was built of brick and made a two and three-story building instead of a one story frame building.

He was married October 20, 1859, to Sarah J. Moffitt, of Hancock county, Ohio, who was born February 14, 1838, and died August 17, 1875. Seven children were the fruits of this union: William A., born September 8, 1860; Mary J., February 14, 1862; John D., April 21, 1864; Andrew A., November 1, 1865; Clara E., September 5, 1867; George C., September 23, 1870; Sarah V., March 23, 1875, died September 15, 1875.

RESIDENCE OF L. S. HARRIS.

Clementine Dumont, whom he married February 5, 1877, was

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born in Paris, France, and came to this country in 1858. Two children were born to them: Sarah J., born December 4, 1878; James C., December 5, 1881.

Previous to coming to Putnam county, Mr. Kober was engaged in ditching, constructing one ditch nine miles long. Through exposure and extreme hard labor he lost his health and died December 4, 1889, at his home on the base line, five miles east of Ottawa, Ohio.

LLOYD STANSBURY HARRIS.

Mr. Harris was born June 30, 1846, on the farm he now owns and on which he has lived all his lifetime, except two years. He is a son of Samuel and Mary (Bateson) Harris. He received his education at the home district, now known as the Infirmary school.

On March 11, 1868, he was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Wilkins, by Samuel Bacon, then Justice of the Peace of Blanchard township, Putnam county. She is a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Kretsinger) Wilkins. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have adopted as their child, Anna Gertrude Genette, the youngest daughter of Jacob and Anna (Weaver) Rosenberger. Gertie was born May 6, 1894, and in October of that year the angel of death summoned her mother from her cradle; but Gertie has found a rare home and indulgent parents in Mr. and Mrs. Harris.

In 1889 Mr. Harris erected the elegant brick residence, a picture of which we present to our readers. Through industry and economy he is prepared to enjoy the shady side of life.

PROF BERNARD J. BEACH.

The trite expression, There is no royal road to Geometry, and we are the Architects of our own Fortunes, have a meaning which too many of our youth do not comprehend. The writer well remembers hearing the subject of this sketch saying on many occasions: Don't tell me how to demonstrate that proposition; I want to dig it out for myself. Although frequently his problems were not all solved, his propositions not all demonstrated, and his translations not all made, what he had his in "scratch book" was his own. He believed in doing his work as Commodore Perry did: "We have met the enemy and they are ours." I will meet the subject and master it, was his motto in action, if not in word.

PROF. BERNARD J. BEACH.

Mr. Beach was born May 30, 1861, in Porter township, Delaware county, Ohio. In 1868 his parents moved to Union county where his mother died, and in 1873 he moved with his father to

Paulding county, Ohio. His father having only limited means, he, at the age of thirteen, was thrown upon his own resources. He worked on a farm one year and then at the age of fourteen went to Kalida, Ohio, to seek employment. Prior to this time he had attended only three or four short terms at sub district schools. He now worked as a farm hand in the summer and attended the Kalida High School during the winter, doing chores evenings and mornings to pay board. He began in 1880 teaching in country schools successively in Paulding, Putnam and Allen counties. He taught one year in the Kalida union schools; five years in the public schools of New Bremen, Ohio, as special teacher in reading; two years at Columbus Grove, Ohio, as principal of High schools, and accepted the position of Superintendent of Crawfis College High School, September 1, 1893, and is now Principal and Superintendent of the Blanchard township schools. He attended Normal school at Kalida and Ada during the vacations of his schools.

He married Miss Ida B. Crain, of Kalida, Ohio, August 24, 1884. Five children were born to them: Nellie Grant, June 8, 1885; Gladys M., September 18, 1886; Harmon W., November 2, 1888; Bernard M., January 25, 1892, and Margy, April 19, 1894.

CRAWFIS COLLEGE.

The year 1880 is designated in the history of Putnam county by the most splendid public gift ever given, in will or donation, by any citizen of the county. In the fall of this year John Crawfis, a wealthy and distinguished citizen of Blanchard township, died and bequeathed to that township the large sum of $25,000 for the purpose of instituting a high school with the object of affording the avenue to a higher education by the way of our district schools.

As a result of this gift there was constructed in 1888, in the southeastern portion of Section 20, Blanchard township, the handsome building represented by the illustration at the head of this article. Its total cost was $11,000, and it was named Crawfis College in honor of the man who made its erection possible. During the following year, 1889, two dormitories were built at a cost of $2,087, making one of the most complete public schools in the State and furnishing accommodations for higher education to about five hundred students each year.

A. C. Hall, N. Conine and B. O. Robinson formed the building committee, and A. Faeth, of Delphos, Ohio, had the contract, with E. Zoll, of Findlay, architect. The first superintendent was Prof. I. L. Harmon, from 1888 to 1891; Prof. Job Hill, from 1891 to 1892; Prof. L. S. Lafferty, from 1892 to 1894; Prof. B. J. Beach, from 1894 to 1897.

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The following teachers have assisted: O. C. Wright, commercial department; Florence B. McClure, language; Mrs. O. C. Wright, elocution, with Charles Harbaugh, assistant; B. F. Finkel, mathematics; May Banfield, shorthand and typewriting; J. Krider, penmanship; Charlotte Rice, common branches; A. V. Miller, German; C. C. Miller, assisted in Normal institute; Ettie Compton, pianist; Blanche Adams, O. V. Todd and Emma Everett, assistants in common branches; L. D. Hook, penmanship; G. R. Miller, J. C. Light, common branches; Bessie Ashbaugh, elocution; Flora McCray, pianist; —— Wisley, telegraphy; N. O. Harmon, violin; Mrs. Lafferty, Katharine Oren, Captolia Oren, Ida Barto, Phoebe Oren, common branches; and Mr. Black, penmanship.

Under the able managements of the above superintendents and teachers, the school has flourished and is on the way to meet the ambition of its promoter.

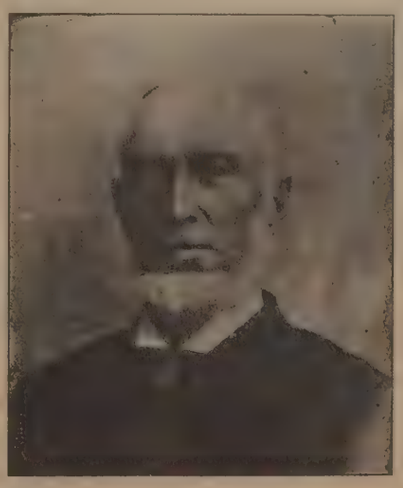
McCulloughville.

This town is located on the Findlay, Ft. Wayne & Western Railroad, in Blanchard township, and was laid out and platted by L. E. Holtz, civil engineer, for D. U. McCullough, the proprietor, in 1888. This town is the site of Crawfis College.

There has been a postoffice established here for the convenience of the school and surrounding country, named Crawfis College.

S. P. WEAVER.

S. P. Weaver was born near Lancaster, Ohio, January 20, 1820, and received such education as the common schools of that period afforded. At the age of twenty-one years he was convinced that to successfully fight the great battle of life and properly discharge the duties of a good citizen of the United States, further mental culture was necessary, and accordingly became a student of Greenfield Academy and later of Granville College, after which for a number of years he engaged in teaching in the common and select schools. May 25, 1848, he was married to Savilla Pence, of Fairfield county, Ohio, and on October 9, 1849, he settled in Putnam county, Ohio. Here he found, for want of natural drainage, large portions of the country covered with water during the greater portion of the year. The miasma arising from the stagnated water and decomposition of vegetable matter caused much sickness. For want of sufficient



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fall all artificial drains would necessarily have to commence at some stream and be extended back through the dense forest where no channel, such as are found where the land is less flat exists. For those persons owning lands remote from natural water courses, to drain them without some thorough system by which ditches or drains could be located and constructed was impossible. For this purpose the legislature of Ohio in 1843 enacted a law which mainly through the influence of Mr. Weaver was enforced for the first time since its passage.

Mr. Weaver has held many important public positions, among

RESIDENCE OF S. P. WEAVER.

which was serving as land appraiser, serving as member of the board of county school examiners, county auditor during two terms and represented Putnam county in the convention called to revise the constitution of Ohio in 1872 and 1873. He and his devoted wife are now (1895) living on their farm in Blanchard township, enjoying together the evening of their well spent years. We here present a picture of their comfortable home. There two sons, David and James own farms adjoining the old homestead and both, like their father, are model farmers.

History of Pandora.

As early as 1835 Joseph Stout built on Riley Creek one of the first grist mills of the county; a small affair, and yet a great convenience to the neighbors for miles around. In 1837 he platted a few lots, calling the town Columbia.

Situated as it was upon the Ridge road leading from Findlay southwesterly to Kalida and to Delphos, and about half way between the county seats of Hancock and Putnam counties, it was for many years the place where the lawyers and judges, while "traveling the circuit" in the early days before 1851, stayed over night on their way from Findlay to Kalida, and many a legend is still current among the lawyers of the jolly times they had at the tavern kept by Henry Kilheffer.

The name of the town was changed to Pendleton, and in 1850 Brice W Viers laid out a first addition. In 1852 Henry Kilheffer, who owned the only general store in the place, laid out East Pendleton, which was surveyed by Henry Blosser, then county surveyor. About the year 1882 the narrow guage railroad, since become a standard guage road and known as the Pittsburg, Akron & Western Railroad, was proposed and constructed through the town, and Kiene and Suter laid out their addition, the surveying being done by our present efficient County Auditor, Aaron Oberbeck, who was at the time County Surveyor. The name of the town was changed to Pandora, and in 1891 H. M. Day laid out what is known as H. M. Day's Addition to Pandora.

In 1893 R. N. McAdams laid out and dedicated McAdams' Addition to Pandora, and S. P. Krohn laid out his addition. In May, 1894, H. M. Day laid out his second addition to the town, the survey being made by J. D. Huddle, our present County Surveyor.

Situated as it is in the center of one of the best improved sections of our county, surrounded with magnificent farms improved with fine houses and out buildings, surpassed in value and convenience by no other portion of the State, settled principally by sturdy Menonites, whose faith forbids quarreling and litigation, the numerous additions to the town and the rapidity with which the more recent ones have been made, indicate a degree of growth and prosperity which promises well for its success.

Pandora and its vicinity have furnished several county officers, and among its more prominent citizens, more especially of the olden times, were Dr. Hiram Day, Elam Day, Henry Kilheffer, the Krohns and Kienes.

DAVID RISSER.

Mr. Risser was born in Germany, April 5, 1840, and came to this country in 1856. When our country became involved in civil war he responded to the call of the president for volunteers to protect the union, by enlisting in Third New York Cavalry and served his country in that struggle nearly five years. At the close of the war he came to Putnam county and in 1866 purchased the farm on which he now lives.

On May 24, 1866, he was married to Miss Margaret Krohn, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Weaver) Krohn, who came to this country in 1844. Mrs. Risser was born in Butler county, January 5, 1844. To this marriage were born, George W., October 30, 1868; William M., March 29, 1871—married to Miss Lizzie Lemley; Minnie A., April 27, 1873—married to William Basinger; Elizabeth, July 15, 1878; Lena, August 13, 1880; Otillie, September 11, 1882; Lewis, October 19, 1884; Edwin, May 26 1887.

Mr. Risser is one of the leading farmers and stock raisers of the county, and was the principal promoter of the splendid system of the macadam roads of Riley township, being one of the township trustees at the time these roads were constructed, and as evidence of the approbation of his ably directed energies in these permanent public improvements, the tax payers of that township have ever since kept him in that official capacity.

RESIDENCE OF DAVID RISSER.

History of Belmore.

The village of Belmore is situated in the northern part of Van Buren township, and on the Dayton & Michigan Railroad. The original plat, consisting of seventeen lots east of the D. & M. railroad, was laid out in 1862 by Deputy County Surveyor John Shakely for Wesley G. Montgomery, acting under the power of attorney for Benjamin and Mary Ann Plummer as proprietors, naming the town Montgomeryville. The same year County Surveyor C. A. McDowell laid out for the same proprietors lots 18 to 20, inclusive, west of the railroad.

Additions to the village were laid out by the following proprietors: Dayton & Michigan Railroad Company, in 1869; Knoke & Speaker, in 1869; John H. George, in 1874, and Alexander Williamson in 1874.

The village was incorporated in 1882, with O. Judson, mayor; P. L. Baker, clerk; W. Winkler, treasurer; Theodore Ludwig, marshal; A. J. Showers, D. Ensminger, J. H. Ensminger, W. Mull, I. B. Hathaway, Nimrod Speaker, councilmen.

The present officers are: W. F. Critchet, mayor; R. C. Lamb, clerk; W. F. Sherman, treasurer; R. E. Phipps, marshal; John Hunter, Thos. Newell, J. W. Grince, L E. Powell, W. M. George and Wm. Glosser, councilmen. W. S. Spencer is Justice of the Peace. W. M. George, postmaster.

W. S. SPENCER.

William S. Spencer was born April 28, 1870, at Monroeville, Allen county, Indiana, and when four years of age, with his parents, James J. Spencer and Maria A. Spencer, moved to Van Buren township, Putnam county, Ohio, living on a farm one-half mile south of Belmore and attended school at Belmore.

After the death of his father, May 2, 1885, he worked for the Eagle Stave & Heading Co. until December 17, 1888, on which date he entered the Belmore office of the Postal Telegraph Cable Co. to learn telegraphy and May 1, 1890, he was appointed manager and electrician of that office and division. In connection with the telegraph office he is a real estate and loan agent;

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also representing numerous fire and life insurance companies and associations, among them being the Ætna, of Hartford; Insurance Company of North America, of Philadelphia; Phœnix, of Hartford, and Ohio Farmers. The Union Central Life Insurance Co., of Cincinnati, and the Manhattan Life, of New York.

He was elected Justice of the Peace in the spring of 1895 and is now filling that office with marked ability and satisfaction. He was married June 15, 1890, to Miss Sadie Monthaven, of Belmore, and has two children: Percy H. Spencer and Beulah L. Spencer, respectively.

Mr. Spencer is a self-made young man. He has worked his way to a position of trust in a large company. He has so conducted his private business in real estate and insurance as to gain the confidence of a large list of patrons and so conducted himself, both privately and publicly, in his business and social environments, in his home and in the world, as to gain the respect and esteem of his neighbors and cause them to elect him at the early age of twenty five to the responsible position of Justice of the Peace.

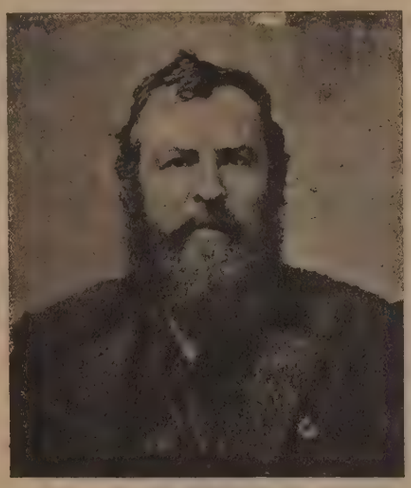
NIMROD SPEAKER.

Were it the custom of this country to title its most successful subjects, we would ascribe to and recommend that the subject of this sketch be titled "The Duke of Belmore." Nimrod Speaker, one of the foremost citizens, business men and politicians of Putnam county, was born in Licking county, Ohio, March 21, 1841, where he lived and attended district school until 1857, when he came to Putnam county with his father, locating on a farm three miles south of Belmore.

He remained with his father on the farm until 1861, when he came to Belmore and engaged in contracting and furnishing cord wood to the Dayton & Michigan Railroad Company. This occupation he continued until 1868, when he engaged in the general mercantile business which he has followed ever since, and in the conduct of which he has proven himself one of the county's ablest merchants.

In 1875 he was elected Treasurer of Van Buren township, and re-elected in 1876. He served two terms as Clerk of Van Buren township, in 1886–87, and has been a member of the Belmore School Board twenty-seven years, and now is treasurer of the board. He was postmaster under President Cleveland's first term, serving the four years of the administration and one year of the Harrison administration.

He was married April 16, 1865, to Miss Ettie Ward, of Licking county, with whom he had two children—George, born July



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15, 1866, and Mary Catharine (now Mrs. Alvin Hook), August 16, 1868. In 1872 his wife died, and in 1874 he was married to Miss Matilda Paden, of Ottawa, Ohio. To this union two children were born—John Bergen, born November 10, 1876, now assisting his father in the store, and Harvey, born August 15, 1878. In 1878 Mrs. Speaker (nee Paden), died, and on November 30, 1879, Mr. Speaker was united in marriage to Ellen Ellenburger, with whom one child was born—William, August 28, 1881.

He is a business man of seemingly unlimited capacity, and no man of Putnam county has secured and retained the confidence of his community in a higher degree. Besides conducting his great store he buys thousands of bushels of grain every year, and

N. SPEAKER'S BUSINESS HOUSE.

so famed has become his fairness of dealing that it has enabled him to make Belmore one of the leading grain markets of the county. He is also largely interested in farming, and in this capacity he has also proven himself a success. In politics he subscribes to the principles of Democracy and is one of the leaders of his party in the county.

History of West Leipsic.

About the year 1850 John W. Peckenpaugh purchased the land where the village of West Leipsic now stands, and in 1852 he made the first survey of twenty lots on the west end of Main street. This survey was made by Samuel Parker, County Surveyor, and was followed in 1853 by Peckenpaugh's second survey and first addition. A third survey and second addition was made by Mr. Peckenpaugh in about the year 1854, by which he completed the platting of all the lands now included in the town lying north of the Nickel Plate Railroad.

The first house built in the village still stands and is known as the old Shakely house and is in the extreme western part of the village, fronting south on Main street. It was built by John Shakely about 1850, and was long used as a hotel and drug store.

Among the first settlers of the town were J. J. Lowry, who was the first Justice of the Peace and the first merchant in the town. John Dehnart, first blacksmith; Joseph Faber, first wagon-maker, and Dr. Samuel Emery was the first physician; George Haskell, cooper. These men had settled in the town from 1850 to 1855, and in the latter year they were conducting the different branches of business as mentioned above. The first white child born in the town was Louisa M. Lowry, daughter of J. J. Lowry, born September 29, 1852, now Mrs. Dr. Emery, one of the leading physicians of the county.

The town was incorporated in 1882, and R. Haskell elected first Mayor; W. J. White, clerk; M. L. Pritchard, marshal; Thomas James, Treasurer.

The town today has two churches, a good public school, an elevator, three good stores and about 500 busy people. A. J. Nichols is mayor; David White, marshal; W. J. White, clerk; M. L. Pritchard, treasurer; James H. Sackett, J. F. Arnold, George Burkholder, George Close, W. R. Baker and J. B. Updike, councilmen.

GEORGE KRATZER.

Mr. Kratzer was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, October 17, 1845. In 1859 he came to Putnam county with his parents and settled on the Medary farm, in Liberty township, and four years later they moved onto the farm which he now owns and which

RESIDENCE OF GEORGE KRATZER.

was then a dense forest, but has since been converted into one of the best farms of the county, adorned with beautiful and commodious buildings, a cut of which we here present to our readers.

In the year 1881 Mr. Kratzer was married to Miss Mary M. Mack, daughter of Christian Mack, one of Putnam county's most prominent and respected farmers. To this union were born three children—two boys and one girl.

Years of unceasing toil in clearing and draining his farm have made an inroad upon the health of Mr. Kratzer, and in April, 1894, he, with his devoted wife and children, moved to Mancelona, Michigan, hoping that a change of climate might improve Mr. Kratzer's health.

L. F. KONST.

Among Putnam county's self-made men the name and personage of L. F. Konst holds a leading rank. He was born in Holland on the 8th of August, 1837, and is the son of Frank and Pheoma Konst. He attended school at his native place from 1842 to 1845, when he came to America with his parents and

settled with them at Liverpool, Medina county, Ohio, where he attended school from 1847 to 1852, in which last named year he came with his parents to Ottawa township, Putnam county, and attended school there until 1855, when he commenced learning the carpenter trade, which he followed with satisfaction and success until 1873.

He lived in Ottawa township until 1866, when he moved to Henry county, remaining there one year, during which time he built a school house. In 1867 he moved back to Putnam county and followed his trade at various places in the county until 1873, when he moved on a farm in Allen county, Ohio, and one year later moved to the John Beck farm in this county, where he remained until 1878 and then moved to the Theodore Kunneke farm in Allen county. He lived on this farm until 1882, when he moved to Elm Center, Ohio, and purchased forty-seven acres near that village, and also a half interest in the sawmill at that place.

RESIDENCE OF I. F. KONST.

The next few years of his life were spent in cultivating and improving his land and managing his mill. He built a commodious farm residence, and with his other substantial buildings and improvements he has one of the most beautiful farm homes in the county. He was appointed postmaster at Elm Center in 1885 and still retains that position. In 1886 he sold his milling interests to his eldest son. In 1891 he was elected Township Trustee, and re-elected in 1894.

Mr. Konst was married November 7, 1861, to Miss Caroline Burkhart, who was born in Ottawa township, April 25, 1844, and is the daughter of Adam and Frances Burkhart. The following children have been born to this union: Frank Adam, October 8, 1862; Charles, August 23, 1864; John, February 25, 1866; Joseph Albert, June 25, 1870; Louis Augustus, February 19, 1872; Thomas, November 22, 1874; Martha Frances, October 7, 1877; Rudolph, March 11, 1882; William Edward, September 27, 1885; Mathias, July 16, 1887.

History of Spitzer.

The village of Spitzer is situated on the Nickel Plate Railroad, about four miles east of Leipsic. It was platted in 1886 by Aaron Oberbeck, surveyor, for Howard C. Tinkham, whose biography appears on another page of this book.

Owing to the fact that there was another town of the same name in Ohio, the postoffice address of Spitzer was changed to Townwood, but the town retains its original name of Spitzer, having received its name in recognition of the Spitzer Brothers, of Toledo, Ohio, who were largely interested in lands adjoining the village.

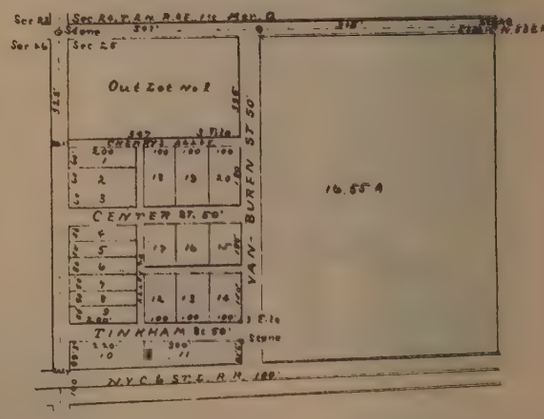
It is located in one of the best farm districts in the county, has about one hundred inhabitants, a general store, a large sawmill, an elevator, stock yards, and one of the best business men of Putnam county, Howard C. Tinkham, to direct her interests.

MICHAEL BRECHT.

The subject of this sketch is truly a self-made man, having worked his way from a poor boy to be possessor of one of Putnam county's banner farms.

Michael Brecht, son of Michael and Elizabeth (Black) Brecht, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, July 25, 1845. When six years of age his parents moved to Putnam county, settling on a farm six miles northwest of Leipsic. Here young Michael attended school and worked on a farm until nineteen years of age, when, in 1864, he enlisted in the army as a member of Company D, 182nd Ohio, and served until 1865, when he returned home and operated his father's farm until the fall of 1866, when he went to Wood county and worked for two years on his uncle, Charles Broom's farm. At the end of this term of service he purchased forty acres of land in Wood county and lived on this place one year, when he sold out and rented the old John Vansickle farm east of McComb. He lived on this farm one year; on the farm of Henry Pennington, near McComb, one year; on the farm of John Cooper three years, and on the farm of Henry Byal, in Putnam county, one year, and in 1875 he purchased forty acres near Shawtown, where he lived two years, when he purchased his present home in Section 25, Van Buren township, and has added to his original purchase from time to time until now he has a farm of 240 acres under a high state of cultivation and well improved. In 1893 he constructed one of the handsomest farm residences in the county.

He was married in 1868 to Miss Mary Pingle, daughter of John and Mary B. Pingle, well-to-do and highly esteemed farmers of Pleasant township, Hancock county, Ohio. Mrs. Brecht was born August 15, 1849. To this union have been born twelve children, all of whom are living. John F., born August 1, 1869; Jemima, March 11, 1871; Carter E., March 1, 1873; Elmer, March 1, 1875; Della May, July 24, 1877; Harley J., November 20, 1879; Clara M., August 16, 1882; Myrl E., June 24, 1884; Ray G., March 25, 1887; Chloe I., February 15, 1889; Lettie C., May 7, 1891; Blanche, June 8, 1893.



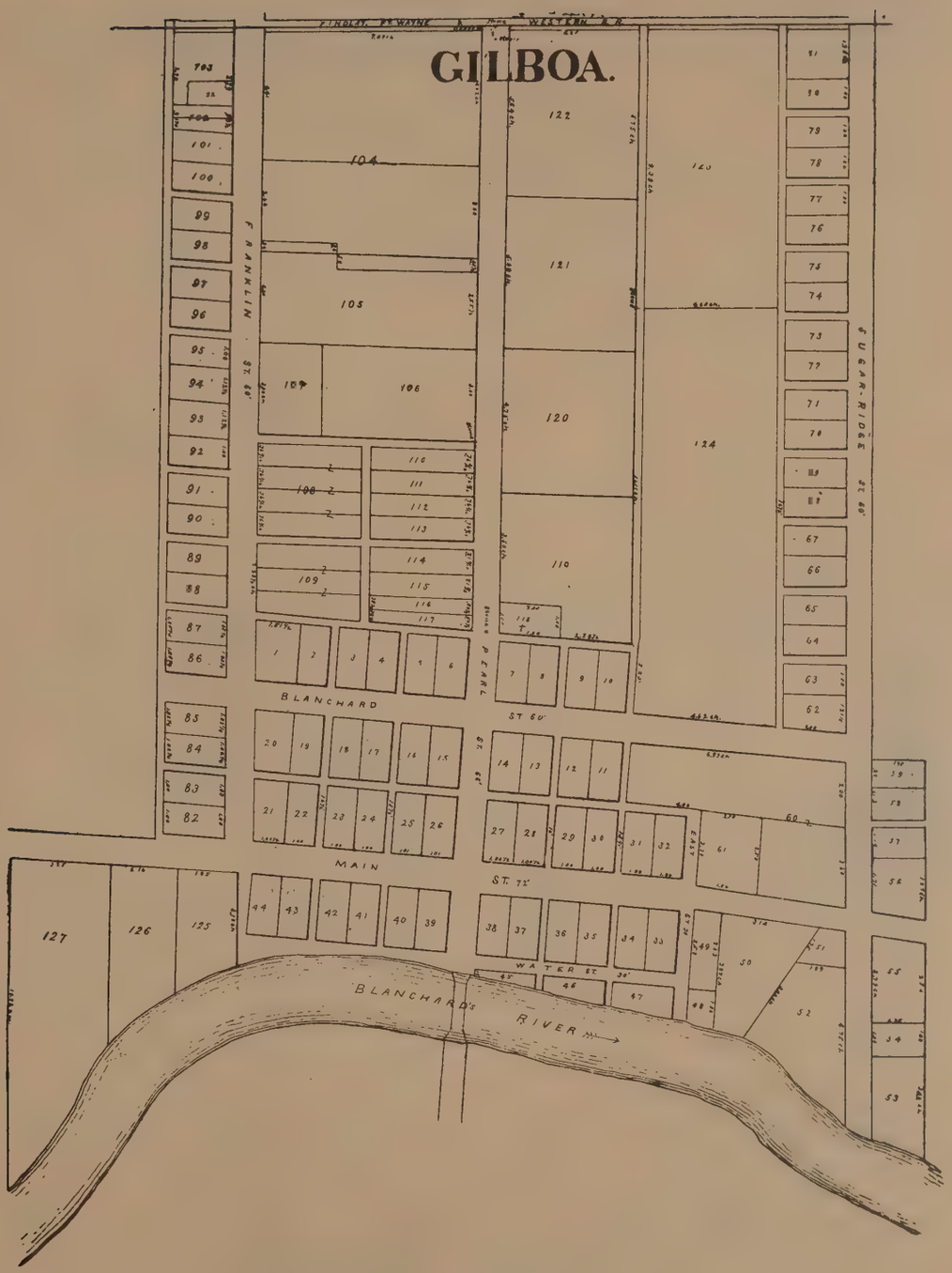
SPITZER (TOWNWOOD).

THE BUSINESS KINGS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Theodore A. Havemeyer, sugar king, $60,000,000.
Anthony N. Brady, gas king, $30,000,000.
Phillip D. Armour, beef king, $40,000,000.

RESIDENCE OF MICHAEL BRECHT.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, railroad king, $100,000,000.
John W. Mackay, silver king, $30,000,000.
Andrew Carnegie, steel king, $60,000,000.
J. Pierpont Morgan, money king, $50,000,000.
John D. Rockefeller, oil king, $180,000,000.
Henry Miller, cattle king, $35,000,000.
W. S. Stratton, gold king, $30,000,000.
Mrs. Richard King, land queen, 25,000,000.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PEARL ST. 80'
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MAIN ST. 72'
WATER ST. 30'
BLANCHARD'S RIVER
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BELMORE.

Lot 6
Lot 7
Lot 9
Lot 10
J. H George 10 A.
OAK ST
CHERRY ST.
CHESTNUT ST
RIDGE St.
George St.
Walnut St.
Jefferson St.
Buckeye St.
Jupiter Avenue
West
East
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J. H George 12 A.

WEST LEIPSIC.

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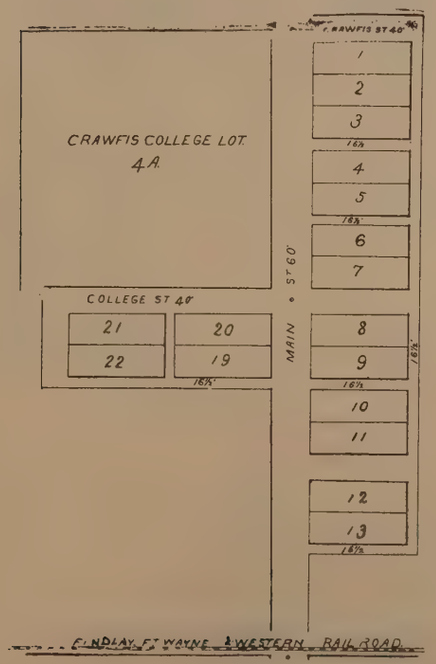

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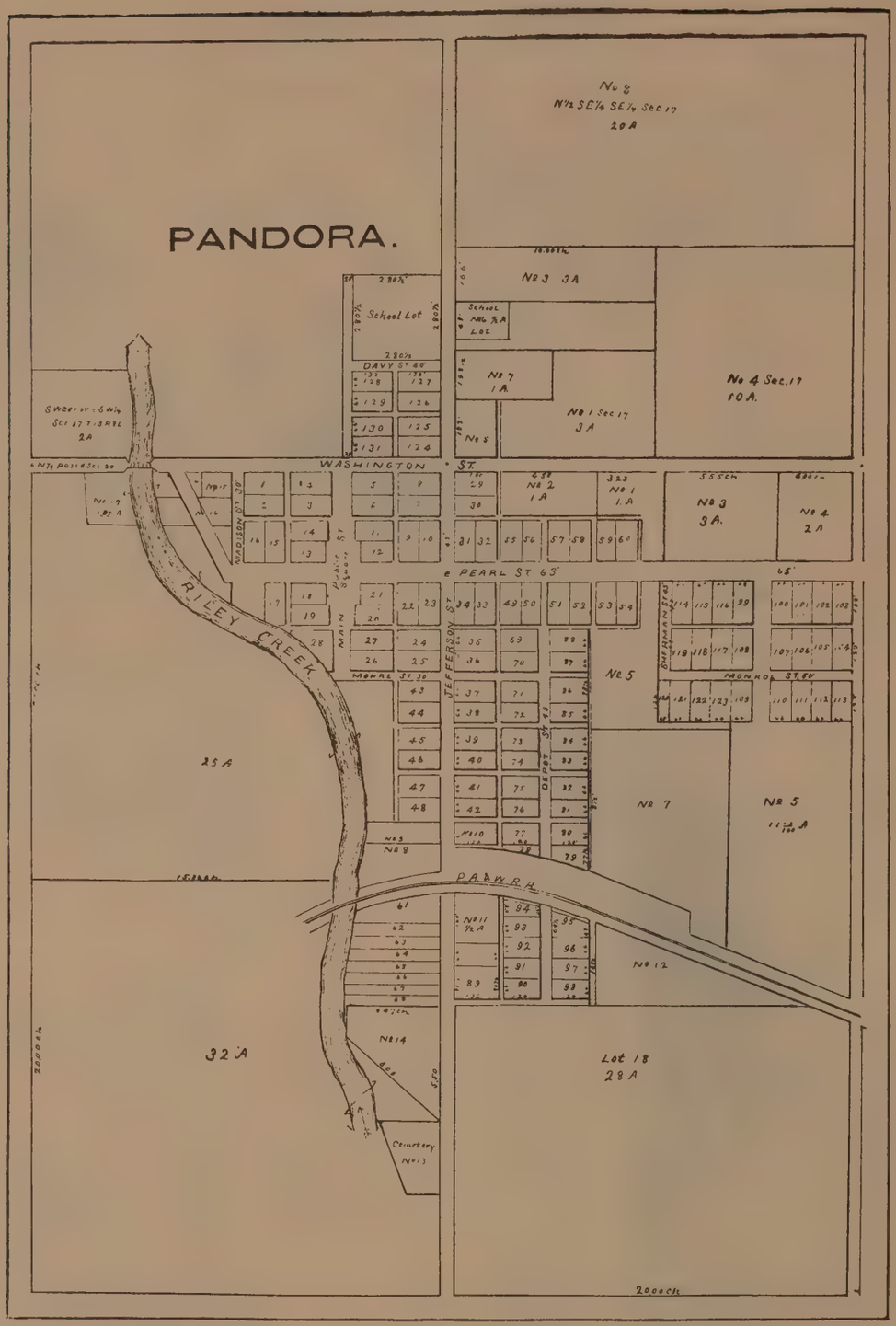
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10 A.
No 5
DAVY ST 66'
WASHINGTON ST
No 2
1 A
No 1
1 A
No 3
3 A.
No 4
2 A
PEARL ST 63'
MADISON ST
MAIN ST
JEFFERSON ST
DEPOT ST
SHERMAN ST
MONROE ST 66'
RILEY CREEK
25 A
No 5
No 7
No 5
11¼ A
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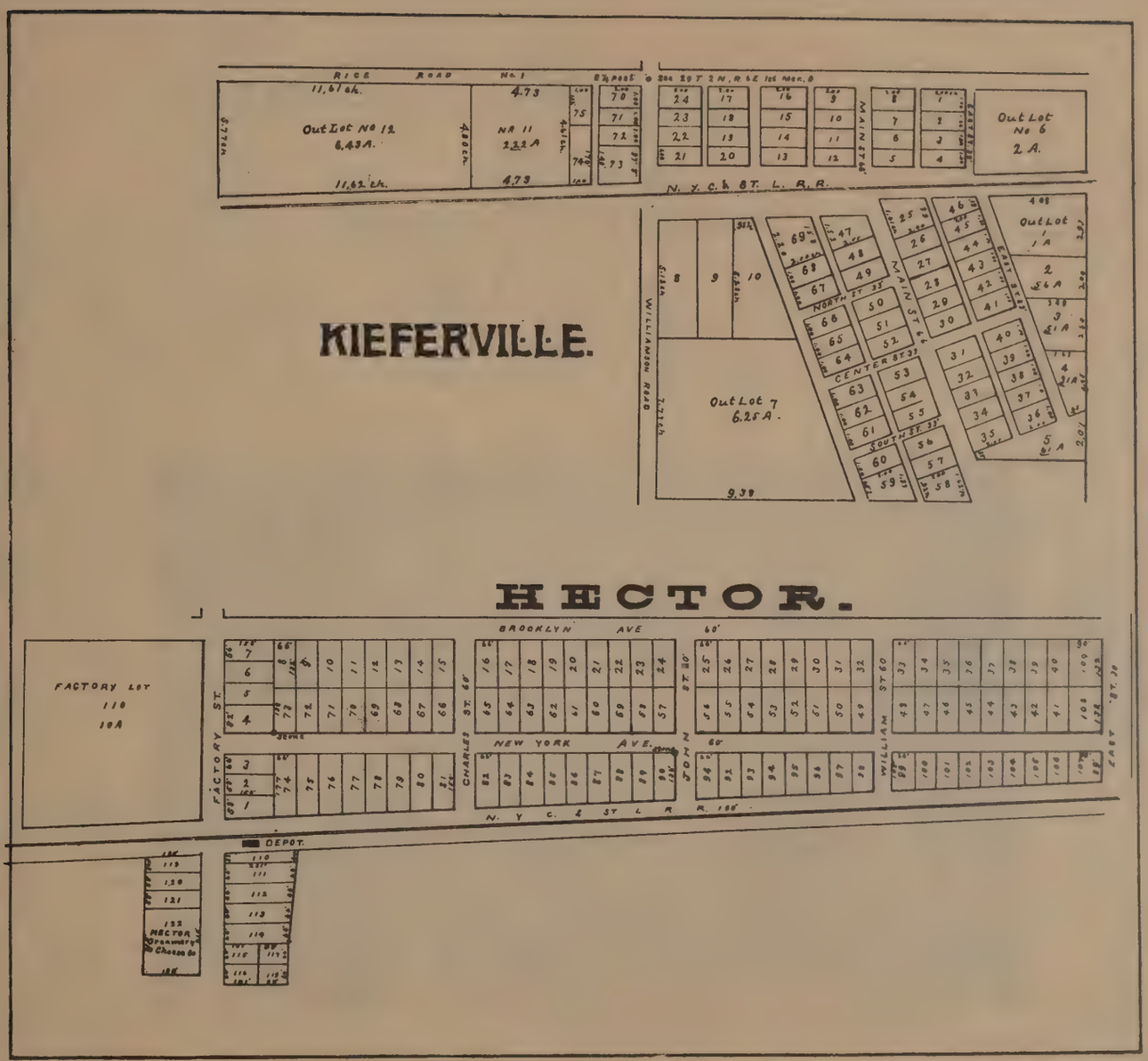
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KIEFERVILLE.
WILLIAMSON ROAD
Out Lot 7
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CENTER ST.
SOUTH ST.
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HECTOR.
BROOKLYN AVE
NEW YORK AVE.
FACTORY ST.
CHARLES ST.
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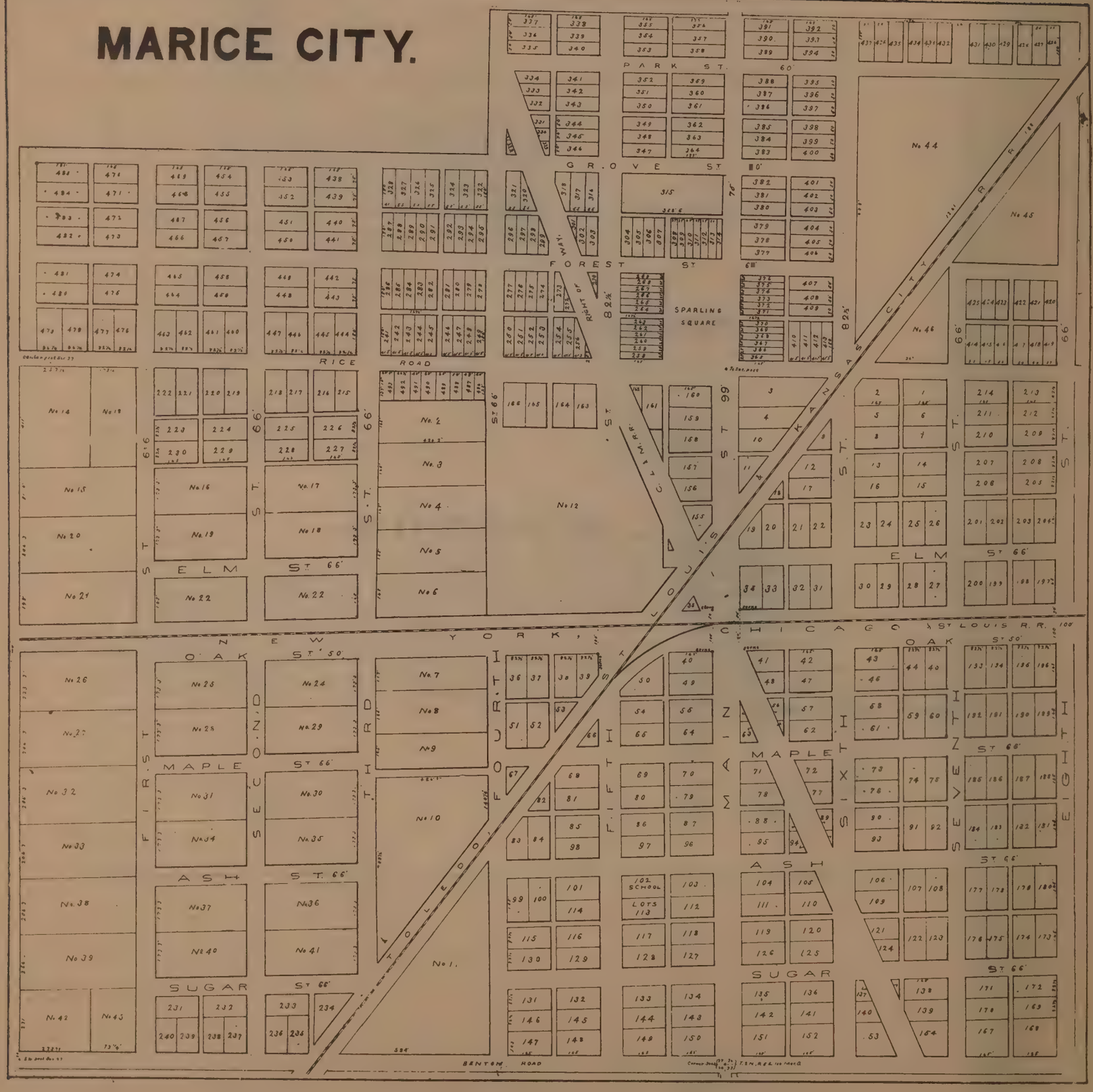
MARICE CITY.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TOLEDO, ST. LOUIS & KANSAS CITY R.R.
C. & A. R.R.
BANTOM ROAD
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History of Marice City.

When the Nickel Plate Railroad was constructed through Putnam county its junction with the railroad now known as the Clover Leaf made it necessary for these companies to employ a man to attend the target which is required at all railroad crossings, and Thomas Sullivan was employed as target man and agent for this station. A rude structure was erected for the double use of depot and dwelling for the agent. One vast and unbroken wilderness and swamp surrounded this depot.

In 1865 the Rice road improvements were constructed through the present site of Marice City, and in 1886 George Skinner laid out and platted the original town for A. V. Rice, the proprietor, and in the same year the Buckeye Stave Company employed James Belford, surveyor, to lay out and plat their first addition to the town. That company, in the same year, erected their stave factory on their addition. Dr. B. D. Sparling also in that year employed A. Oberbeck, surveyor, to lay out and plat his first addition. In 1887 D. W. Seits laid out and platted an addition for Gen. A. V. Rice, and in 1888 the same surveyor platted a second addition for Dr. B. D. Sparling. The Buckeye Stave Company, in 1890, had D. W. Seitz, surveyor, plat their second addition, and the same surveyor sub-divided outlot No. 1, of Rice's addition, for the District Assessor, H. B. Pierce. In 1895 D. W. Seitz, surveyor, platted a sub-division for W. H. Miller.

James Sullivan was the first merchant that opened up a store in the town. The Buckeye Stave Company soon followed with a general store, but sold out soon after to H. B. Rose and Alvin Poe. In 1887 James Bell built his present store room and opened up a general store. Soon after C. Rosenberger and others erected business rooms and went into business.

In 1888 the town was incorporated, with Polk Berbage as mayor; C. G. Ballman, clerk; James Bell, treasurer; C. S. Parrish, marshal; W. B. Miller, John Hutchison, Hiram Dellinger, George Hahn, Silas Colvin and John Shamberger, councilmen. The present (1895) officers are, R. B. McClung, mayor; L. C. Rosenberger, clerk; James E. Robinson, treasurer; I. C. Wallace, marshal; Ash Jackson, H. A. Neff, E. Benton, G. L. Mader, W. B. Miller and R. Bryan, councilmen. Water Works Trustees—A. E. Lowden, G. W. Longsworth and C. E. Chapin.

In 1890 a system of sewerage was constructed which was in the aggregate four miles in length, including the outlet, at a depth of from four to thirteen feet and constructed with pipe ranging from ten to twenty-four inches in diameter, at a cost of nearly $10,000. Two other drains have since been constructed. One on the south side, principally for a cut off, and one as a drain for the northwest part of the town. A system of water works was constructed in 1895 at a cost of about $5,000, and an electric light plant has since been erected by a company.

CONTINENTAL SCHOOL BUILDING.

Surrounded with an excellent farming district, crossed with two good railroads, and with good business men at the helm, Continental is rapidly becoming one of the leading towns of the county.

CONTINENTAL SCHOOLS.

Prior to 1888 the only school division which included Continental was the township sub-district, established by the Township Board of Education. In 1888 a petition was circulated and an election held for the purpose of making a Village district, (under Sec. 3888, Revised Statutes of Ohio). The territory included is two miles north and south from the township line to the Sullivan road, and three miles east and west from half mile west of Palmer and Monroe township line to one-half mile west of Troyer road.

The district was formed and the beautiful brick building shown in the cut was built in 1890 by Jacob Spiker. The building is provided with the most approved modern conveniences for lighting and ventilation, and is heated by the Smead heating system. It stands on the corner of Fifth and Ash streets and is within four hundred feet of the center of the school district. This is the second finest school building in the county, the only one surpassing it being the new $30,000 one at Ottawa.

The district includes more miles of railroad track and more taxable railroad property than any other district in the county. In consequence of this and the careful and efficient management of the school board, they have a surplus of over one thousand dollars in the treasury and have reduced their levy four mills. All the money the first year after the organization of the school that could be raised within the limits of the levy was about seven hundred dollars with which to pay the salaries of the teachers and the running expenses; while at the present time, with a levy reduced four mills, it reaches over three thousand and five hundred dollars.

The first School Board was composed of W. B. Miller, president; John Shambarger, W. A. Miller, James Bell, James Sullivan and W. J. Conklin. Michael Bergen was the clerk, appointed by the Board. The first corps of instructors was D. S. Myers, superintendent, Emma Davis, Jennie Sherman, Nettie Gallup and Mrs. Powell, teachers.

The present Board is I. C. Wallace, president; George H. Sealls, I. L. Ackley, E. O. Benton, John Ernst; A. Morris, clerk. clerk. L. E. Huston is superintendent; Mrs. Baxter, Nettie Harmon, Mrs. Powell and Harriett Campbell are the teachers.

DR. B. D. SPARLING.

A man with an idea in advance of his profession, and with scientific principles and arguments in his favor, is an important factor in this age of progression, and destined to advance the interests and welfare of the age.

Such a condition we find in the active mind of Dr. B. D. Sparling, who was born in Harrison county, Ohio, May 13, 1843.

DR. B. D. SPARLING.

When he was three years of age his parents moved to Richland county, and six years later removed to Hancock county. In the schools of Hancock county he secured his education, continuing to be a resident of the county until 1872, when he moved to Belmore, Putnam county, and began the practice of medicine He practiced his profession here with marked distinction and success for ten years, when he moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he lived one year. He then returned to Belmore and continued the practice of his profession until 1886, when he moved to Continental, and has since been the chief promoter of that progressive town.

His time has been devoted to the practice of medicine and handling of real estate. Two large and important additions to the thriving town of Continental bear his name as proprietor, and their rapid improvement bear marks of his untiring energy. He was married in May, 1863, to Miss Manelia Wells, and to

RESIDENCE OF DR. B. D. SPARLING.

this union has been born nine children: Ella M., February 20, 1863—now Mrs. P. S. Fitch; Addie D., October 29, 1865—now Mrs. F. B. Curtis; Cora A., September 29, 1867—now Mrs. D. E. Olds; B. D. Jr., March 13, 1861; Mary, November 9, 1871—died March 3, 1877; Grace E, June 17, 1874—now Mrs. W. C. Herrick; Amy L., April 2, 1877—now Mrs. R. B. Markwith; Blanche E., September 20, 1879; Mabel M., January 23, 1882; Dwight Moodey, April 30, 1886.

Dr. Sparling has given up the practice of acute medicine and is now devoting his entire time to the practice of the human ailments known as chronic diseases, and the preparation of his special medicines. He believes in a separate remedy for separate diseases, and does not believe or represent that human genius has ever been able to invent or prepare a remedy applicable to more than one disease, especially when the disease becomes rooted in the system of man. He is a great student of human nature, an indefatigable worker in his chosen profession, and a scientific searcher into the present developments and hidden possibilities of his chosen calling.

Every remedy he places upon the market and every prescription of his order are based upon the scientific principles of remedies and their relation to the ailments of the human system. As a citizen he is held in the highest respect of his fellowmen; as a business man he has been honorable, active and progressive, and to whatever degree of importance the town of Continental may reach, inseparably linked with her beginning and her possibilities, will be the name and energies of B. D. Sparling. He has recently moved to Toledo, and in that busy, growing city the world may expect he will stamp his name high on the annals of scientific progression. His address is Room 7, Adams Block, Toledo, Ohio.

CLARENCE E. CHAPIN.

Forming an important part in the development and progress of northwestern Putnam county and occupying an exalted position in the business world, the subject of this sketch is entitled

CHAPIN'S ELEVATOR.

to recognition by any worthy publisher, and the struggles and successes of his busy life are worthy of example.

Clarence E. Chapin was born at Kewanee, Illinois, July 11, 1861, and is the son of Izerah and Lucy Chapin. He attended country school at his native place until 1878 when he entered the high school at Riverton, Iowa, where he remained two years and became a student of the Tabor College, at Tabor, Iowa. From this institution he went to Ann Arbor, Michigan, and entered, as a student, the civil engineer's department of the famous University of Michigan. He spent the next four years, from 1882 to 1886, in mastering the problems of this important profession.

In 1886 he secured employment in the city engineer's office of Toledo, Ohio, but six months later resigned to accept a position as assistant engineer for the Clover Leaf Railroad, a position he held for six years, when in 1893 he resigned and engaged in the grain business on his own account, with headquarters at Continental, Ohio. He now has twelve elevators on the Clover Leaf Railroad and does a vast volume of business.

Mr. Chapin is a fitting type of a self-made man. He is the possessor of great business capacity and untiring energy. By his own efforts he has fitted himself early in life with an excellent education and with extensive business experience, and consequently he holds his place among the foremost business men and the highest progressive element of Northwestern Ohio. He was married October 17, 1893, to Miss Ellen M. Kear, of Sycamore, Ohio.

RUFUS E. GILBERT.

Rufus E. Gilbert was born in Summit county, Ohio, February 21, 1844. His parents, Jacob C. and M. A. Gilbert, moved to Cleveland in April, 1856, where they resided until Decem-

RUFUS E. GILBERT.

ber, 1858. They then moved to Monroe township, this county, where he has resided ever since. Mr. Gilbert enlisted in Co. H, 118th O. V. I., on August 22, 1862, as a private, and was discharged at Willmington, N. C., May 26, 1865.

He was married August 19, 1868, to Mary A., daughter of George and Fanny Pope, of Pleasant township. He served one term as Clerk of Monroe township in 1880, was Census Enumerator for Monroe township, and has served as Infirmary Director two terms, from January, 1889, to January, 1895.

JOHN H. ANDREWS.

The subject of this sketch was born in Union county, Ohio, May 2, 1844. He lived in Union and Marion counties until June 20, 1889, when he came to Putnam county, locating at Continental, where he engaged in the bakery business, but sold out six months after and was engaged for a number of years in the poultry business.

FIRST BRICK BUILDING OF CONTINENTAL.

In 1890 he purchased lot No. 78 in Continental, and during the summer of that year he constructed on this lot the first brick business room in Continental, a cut of which we present with this article. The building is a handsome two-story structure, 19x60 feet and modern throughout. Its erection was

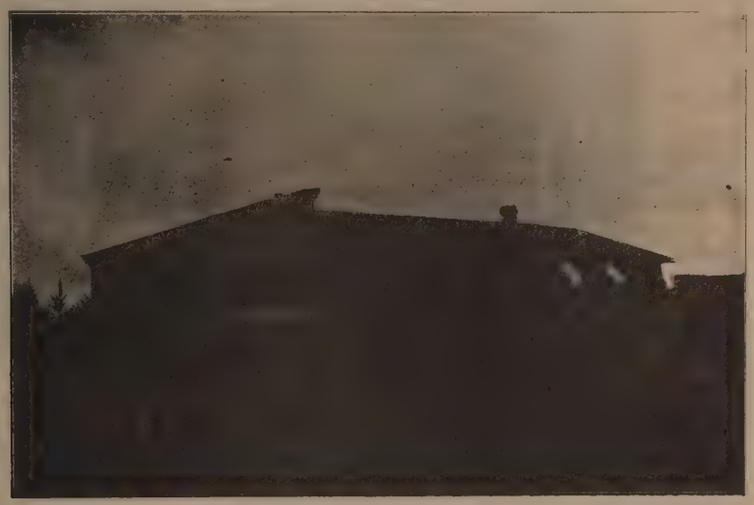
a notable addition to the progress of the town and a marked page in the enterprising life of its builder.

Mr. Andrews is one of Continental's most enthusiastic supporters and lends a helping hand to every legitimate enterprise.

GEORGE H. SEALLS.

The subject of this sketch, who was born in Monroe county, Indiana, June 28, 1850, is a son of Henry and Margaret (Butler) Sealls, of Millettsville, Indiana. They were pioneers of that town. Here in the Millettsville schools Mr. Sealls received his education.

At the early age of nineteen he began contracting. His first contract was on the construction of the Indianapolis & Vincennes railroad. After that road was completed he took contracts and managed them successfully with the Vincennes & Cairo, Indianapolis & Terre Haute, and Terre Haute & Vandalia. Having accumulated a snug little fortune in these contracts, he next took a large one with the Cincinnati Southern, but he, like so many other contractors on that road, had not sufficient means at hand to stand the heavy demands on him, and was crowded out at a loss of twenty-two thousand dollars. On settlement with the company he received two thousand five hundred dollars, but he owed this to his men. He was advised by a friend to keep this and "skip," but young Sealls refused to let his men suffer loss, and on the following morning paid them their wages and left the work with twenty five cents in his pocket. He then successively worked contracts with the Cincinnati & Lebanon, Nickel Plate, Wheeling & Lake Erie, and the Cincinnati Northern.



MAPLE HOUSE, CONTINENTAL, OHIO.

In 1880 he came to Putnam county and engaged for several years in the ship timber business and conducted a general store at North Creek. In 1888 he moved to Continental and opened the Mapel House, which he has conducted ever since to the entire satisfaction of his numerous patrons. Few towns afford better equipped hotels than the Maple House. This fact is evidenced by the large number of traveling men who make it a point to stop with "George," as he is familiarly called by the "hustlers of the grip."

Mr. Sealls has served as Township Trustee of Monroe township four years and is at present a member of that board; as village councilman one term, and is now a member of the village school board. In March, 1873, Mr. Seals was married to Miss Laura Sleeper, of Jeffersonville, Indiana.

ALFRED MORRIS.

The subject of this sketch was born on a farm in the northern part of Allen county, October 1, 1862. He is the son of Dr. Joseph Morris, now of Columbus Grove, one of the leading physicians and best known citizens of Putnam county, and a grandson of Judge Henry Morris, one of the first three Associate Judges of the first court held in the county.

When Alfred was nine years old his father moved to a farm one mile west of Columbus Grove, where he attended school until thirteen years of age, when he moved with his father to Columbus Grove, and in the schools of that place received a good education during the winter season, and during the summer season gained on the farm, of his father that education most useful to an ambitious young man—industry. He continued to attend school in winter and work on the farm in summer until 1880, when his father entered into a contract to construct several miles of pike on the roads of Pleasant township, and he was placed in charge of the machinery used for the work. The work on this machinery animated him with the desire to equip himself with a full knowledge of machinery, and perhaps it will have settled the problem of his whole life work; for since that time his energies have been mostly devoted to this line.

When this work was completed he entered the Lima machine works where he showed remarkable adaptability in the art of machinery, working his way from a casting bench to a lathe, the next to the last step of his trade, in less than six months, and superceding all his associates' records. At the end of six months, through the solicitation of his father, he resigned his position and took charge of the employes of a contract for the macadamizing of some of the streets of Columbus Grove. In this position he worked one year, having proved his remarkable ability for managing men and labor, and having given entire satisfaction with his work.

He now became desirous of broadening his knowledge of the business world, and embarked in the saw mill business at Moberly, Missouri, where he remained one year, and then sold out and returned to Putnam county in July, 1883, and immediately became the assistant of his father in filling a contract for the building of a pike on the Pandora road. When this work was completed he purchased the ice business of his father in Columbus Grove, and at the same time began the erection of a residence in that town. For the next two years he was engaged in the ice business and farming, and in the spring of 1885 he moved on a farm near Columbus Grove and was engaged in farming for the next three years. During the latter year he purchased a farm and improved it, but soon sold it and engaged in the saw mill business at Rimer, Ohio, where he remained four years. In 1891 he sold out and moved to Continental, and since that date his great energy has been discernable in his own business and in the advancement of his own town.

He has added to his saw mill business a complete lumber yard and planing mill, and at his busy plant today may be found any and every kind of lumber and building material, and his extensive machinery enables him to prepare, satisfactorily and on short notice, any order he may receive. In 1895 he added a stock yard to his plant, which adjoins the Nickel Plate railroad, and already this enterprise is receiving extensive patronage.

He is showing his confidence in the future of his town by liberal investments in her real estate and by extensive improvements. He has constructed a handsome residence just west of his mill and is the owner of several residence properties in the town.

On January 1, 1884, he was united in marriage with Miss Maggie A. Billheimer, of Columbus Grove. Mrs. Morris was the daughter of Joseph and Loraine Billheimer, highly respected residents of Pleasant township. Her father having died when she was young, she was thrown upon her own resources, and fitting herself for teaching she found employment in the primary department of the Columbus Grove schools, where she was teaching at the time of her marriage. She is a lady of great refinement, and is an able assistant to her enterprising husband as well as an important factor in the best social circles of her home, and an indefatigable worker in the United Brethren church of Continental, with which she affiliates. They have a happy family of four children—Joseph F., born January 9, 1885; Clarence A., September 10, 1886; Gladys E., September 29, 1888; Homer E., September 23, 1891.

RESIDENCE, LUMBER AND STOCK YARDS, AND FAMILY GROUP OF ALFRED MORRIS

Mr. Morris has a titled claim to a position in the highest business element of Putnam county, and his adopted town may well feel proud of the reputable business he established and is so ably conducting. He is an enthusiastic supporter of every legitimate enterprise, a great worker in the United Brethren church, and a medium through which the society, business and advancement of his town will be elevated.

JAMES BELL.

James Bell, son of Joseph and Esther (Johnson) Bell, was born on a farm in Ashland county, Ohio, October 22, 1844. His father saw the early advantages and promises of rapid development afforded by Putnam county, and during the early youth of our subject moved his family to this county, settling on a farm, where, with a few months at country school in the winter, the boyhood days were spent.

At the age of eighteen he enlisted in Company C, 129th, O. V. I., serving in General Burnside's division in east Tennessee.

BUSINESS HOUSE OF JAMES BELL.

As a soldier he acquitted himself with great credit, and after the war was ended he returned to Putnam county and followed farming and mercantile pursuits in Hamer, Paulding county, and Cascade, this county, until 1886, when he moved to Continental and engaged in the mercantile business, being one of the pioneer merchants of the town.

Mr. Bell was married October 18, 1866, to Miss Mary Ann Walls, of this county, and to this union have been born the following children: Johnnie M., born September 24, 1867; Willie N., June 18, 1869; Wintonia Mellville, August 3, 1871; Jennie May, February 6, 1874; Albert W., June 1, 1876; Orpha Leona, January 25, 1879; Ora Amanda, April 8, 1882; Loyd Leroy, July 4, 1884; Eve Verna, October 6, 1886; Goldman M., December 23, 1888.

He established himself in the general mercantile business on the southwest corner of Main and Rice streets, and here, since 1886, has been conducting one of the leading stores of Putnam county. Within this store is a complete line of general merchandise, and one of the best merchants of the county deals them out with honor and success to a long list of patrons. He is a good citizen, public spirited in the highest sense and has done much toward the progress of his adopted town.

He has served two terms as Treasurer of Monroe township, two terms as Treasurer of the Village of Continental, two terms as Treasurer of the school board, and has been many times re-elected a member of the school board. He is a good merchant, wholly responsible, and alive to the idea of substantial modern public and private improvements. Owing to this fact he is destined to play an important part in the future growth and development of Continental.

KONST BROTHERS.

Under the above firm name two of Putnam county's most able young business men are conducting one of her most successful and prospective business enterprises. Frank and Chas. Konst were born near Ottawa, Ohio, the former on October 8, 1862, and the latter, August 23, 1864. They are the sons of Lucas Konst, of Elm Center, one of the county's most successful farmers and business men. The boys were reared on a farm, and there gained those rudiments of industry and perseverance which have so marked their business career.

At the age of nineteen years Charles Konst engaged in the saw mill business. He followed this business six years, and then worked at the tile business, at Elm Center, three years. In 1893 he formed a partnership with his brother Frank, and began the manufacture of tile and brick at Continental. This industry, though not four years of age, now ranks as one of the leading enterprises of its kind in Northwestern Ohio. They manufac- all kinds of draining tile, from 3 inch to 18 inch; also tile flower stands, building brick, paving brick, and square paving tile.

KONST BROS.' TILE WORKS.

They carry in their business a well equipped factory, experience, responsibility and an indefatigable energy.

Charles was married to Miss Anna L. Yenner on November 17, 1887, and they have two children: Mabel, born April 6, 1890, and Hazel, born October 13, 1892. Frank was married to Miss Caroline Yenner, July 17, 1895.

The material they manufacture has been placed on the market extensively and has given universal satisfaction. During the summer season they employ about twenty men, and always endeavor to manufacture ahead of their orders, so that those contemplating the purchase of tile or brick will find them ready and able to supply an order at any time on short notice. They are

KONST BROS.' BRICK WORKS.

good citizens, industrious, public spirited and enterprising, and the town which they have adopted as their home and field of work should be, and is, proud of the accession.

H. A. NEFF.

Among Northwestern Putnam county's foremost citizens and business men ranks the subject of this sketch. Mr. Neff was born April 2, 1861, in Miami county, Ohio. He is the son of Warren and Eliza (McPherson) Neff. His early years were passed on a farm and attending country schools. He completed his education by a two years' course in the public schools of Van Wert, O., and was married to Miss Bertie Zeigler, of Van Wert county, January 25, 1885, who was born July 11, 1868. They have two children: Grace, born October 19, 1886, and Russell, December 26, 1887.

In 1888 Mr. Neff came to Putnam county and followed the lumber business at Continental and Hartsburg until 1891, when he engaged in the drug business in Continental, and since that date has been recognized as one of the leading merchants of his county. His spacious store is the first on the west side of Main street, north of the Clover Leaf railroad, and is filled with as complete a line of drugs, books, wall paper, paint, etc., as one will find in any town, and the goods are dispensed by one of the county's best business men.

Owing to Mr. Neff's personal character, his fine business ability and great success, the town has naturally turned to him as one of her leading guides and promoters, and we consider her trusts as having been placed in safe hands.

L. C. ROSENBERGER.

Continental affords no better citizen or business man than the one represented by this sketch. L. C. Rosenberger, son of Michael ael and Louisa A. Rosenberger, was born near Kansas, Seneca county, Ohio, June 22, 1857. When seven years of age his parents moved to Michigan, where they remained until 1874, when they returning to Ohio, and in 1876 located at Weston, Wood county, where our subject clerked in a store and conducted mer-

cantile pursuits of his own until march, 1887. He then moved to Continental, entering at once into the mercantile business, establishing one of the largest general stores in Western Putnam county, and has since conducted the same on a basis which has created for its proprietor the reputation of being one of the county's ablest business men.

In 1893 he constructed, on the northwest corner of Main and Mapel streets, a very handsome and commodious brick business

BUSINESS BLOCK OF L. C. ROSENBERGER

blocks, which he now occupies, and which was the second brick structure erected in the town for business purposes. It is two stories high, the upper room being occupied by the K. of P. lodge.

Mr. Rosenberger was united in marriage January 1, 1885, to Miss Etta M. Wilson, of Weston, Ohio. They occupy one of the most beautiful homes in Continental, located on Mapel street, near his store. He is one of the town's most enthusiastic supporters, and being public spirited, he is one among a number of business men destined to place Continental on that plane which her location and posibilities demand.

He is a good citizen, an energetic business man, and is accorded the highest esteem and patronage which his adopted town affords. The interior of his place of business is a model of neatness and taste, and his large assortment of first class goods enables him to supply, with satisfaction, his long list of patrons and hold his position among the first merchants of the county.

JOHN W. ERNST.

The well known and accommodating liveryman, J. W. Ernst, of Continental, was born near West Cairo, Allen county, Ohio, October 1, 1864. His parents, David and Mary Jane (Sybert)

JOHN W. ERNST'S LIVERY STABLE.

Ernst, live on a farm, and here our subject remained until 1885, when he went to Kalida, Ohio, engaging in the livery business and carrying the mail and freight from Ottawa to Kalida. In 1887 he moved to Continental, and engaged in the livery business; here he now enjoys a lucrative business. We here present a view of his livery barn.

He is a member of the Continental school board, and was twice chosen a member of her village council. He was married on October 11, 1892, to Miss Mary E. Varner, daughter of Isaiah Varner. On November 1, 1893, there was born to them a son, George F. Ernst.

ARTHUR E. LOWDEN.

We take great pleasure in introducing the history of the life of a successful young man, and especially so when we know that our subject is the architect of his own fortune.

Arthur E. Lowden, son of William and Eve Lowden, was born in Michigan Town, Indiana, May 26, 1867. He received his education in the public schools of his native town and at an early age began the study of telegraphy in the office of the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City railroad at Michigan Town. His studious nature and business ability soon secured for him a position as operator and agent at that place, which for two years he filled with great satisfaction At the expiration of this term of service he turned his face westward, locating at Parker, Minnesota, where he worked two years as agent and operator for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad. He then entered the employ of the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City railroad at Charleston, Illinois, where he remained one year, then locating at Continental, Ohio—this was during the year 1889. During the first seven months after coming to Continental he was in the employ of the same railroad from which he received his first instructions, acting as operator and bill clerk. He then entered the employment of the Nickel Plate as bill clerk at Continental, which position he filled for five months, and then resigned to engage in business upon his own responsibility.

Early in the spring of 1891 he formed a partnership with George Wagner and engaged in the hardware and implement business at Continental. This partnership continued until 1893, when Mr. Lowden sold his interest and immediately engaged in the same business on his own account. Since that time he has proved himself one of the greatest merchants of Putnam county, and one of the most successful of his adopted town.

He was married November 25, 1890, to Miss Carrie Rose, daughter of H. B. and Eliza Rose, well known citizens of this town. To this union was born one child—Otha Elsworth, September 15, 1894, and died in infancy.

Mr. Lowden served as Corporation Clerk from 1893 to 1895, was elected first president of the waterworks board, which position he still holds. In 1895, in company with R. E. Perrine, he organized the Continental Electric Company, and at this writing the plant has just been placed in operation, the very successful accomplishment of which establishes the enterprise of our subject.

Mr. Lowden's store is one of the largest in the county. He occupies two large rooms; its shelves, counters, and floors are filled with as complete and fine a line of hardware, stoves, implements and vehicles as can be found in any town of the size in the county. He is considered by the citizens of his town and her tradesmen to be a young man of fine business ability and untiring in his industry. These qualification have made him an important factor in the Continental of the past, and will make him one of the most distinguished personages in her future.

GUY P. LONG.

Mr. Long was born at Ottawa, this county, February 3, 1873, which place has been his home all his life until 1895, when he removed to Continental, also in this county. He was educated in the public schools of Ottawa, graduating from the High School of that place with first honors of his class, when eighteen years old.

GUY P. LONG.

He commenced immediately the study of law in the office of Long & Long, his father and elder brother. The only interruption to his studies were a few months spent in Livermore, Kentucky, where he was engaged in a mill, and some three months spent as assistant manager of a cafe at the World's Fair at Chicago. In December, 1894, he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Ohio, and in February, 1895, settled in Continental, where he has been serving as City Solicitor ever since.

RESIDENCE OF A. J. TROYER.—GLENDALE FARM.

ANDREW J. TROYER.

Mr. Troyer was born in Greensburg township, Putnam county, Ohio, October 23, 1846, a farmer's boy. Shortly after he

reached man's estate he commenced contracting as a business and has, during the time he was engaged in that business, been interested in contracts for ditching, road building and railroad work to the amount of twenty thousand dollars.

In September, 1870, he was married to Caroline Brower, who was also a native of Greensburg township, born there July 12, 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Troyer have five children, three boys and two girls.

In 1873 he obtained an interest in the farm on which he now resides, and in 1877 became the sole owner. In March, 1886, he moved upon the farm and has since resided there. The energy and business capacity of Mr. Troyer have been recognized by his neighbors and fellow citizens by his election to the office of Justice of the Peace for two terms, and to that of Township Trustee for three or four terms, while he is now serving a three year term as President of the Farmers' Independent Institute of Putnam county.

THE CONTINENTAL U. B. CHURCH.

Under like circumstances, no religious congregation in Putnam county is deserving of higher praise than the one which worships in the beautiful edifice represented by the accompanying picture. Six years ago the congregation existed only in the hearts of a few individuals who had subscribed to the creed of the United Brethren church and who foresaw the prospects of of the town and the possibility of a good religious organization, and had the patience to await their time.

In 1891 the organization consisted of fifteen members, but at this time there was appointed a minister, and the right man was chosen. The pastor appointed in this year was Rev. A. F. Light, who began his pastoral duties in such a manner as to meet the ready response and co-operation of the active members of the church and the approbation of every well doing and well wishing citizen of the community. Through the energy of Rev. Light, ably assisted by such young men as Alfred Morris, Wm. J. Ludwig, David Wisterman, M. James, and others, a permanent organization was affected, the membership began to grow, and in the spring of 1892 a suitable lot for the erection of a church was purchased at a cost of $200—the same being on the northeast corner of Main and Sugar streets. Owing to the spring being exceedingly wet, work on the constrction of the church was not begun until July of that year, but the work having once been commenced, was pushed with such vigor that in January, 1893, the church was dedicated by Bishop J. Weaver, D. D., of Dayton, Ohio, the total cost being $2,500. The building is of modern architecture, handsome and imposing in appearance, and is a fitting example of the progress of the people of Continental.

The United Brethren church now has about one hundred and twenty-five members. In 1894 Rev. G. R. Fisher was appointed to the charge and is pressing the good work on with a vigor characteristic of the people of this busy town.

CONTINENTAL U. B. CHURCH.

REV. A. F. LIGHT.

The subject of this sketch was born August 21, 1862, in Allen county, Ohio, where he lived until 1869, when he moved with his parents to a farm seven miles southwest of Findlay, Hancock county, Ohio, and on this farm he spent his boyhood, which he avers, and I think a great majority of the world will agree with him, is one of the happiest periods of man's existence. During this time young Light acquired a good common school education.

In October, 1882, his father died, and the death of his loved parent, together with the appeals of his friends and the influence of a meeting held in the old home church by Rev. J. W. Powell, succeeded in converting him, and by so doing dedicated to the cause of religion one of her most energetic and progressive aid-de-camps. On January 1, 1883, he became a member of the United Brethren church and at once began the study of theology, and by a close application to the private study of all good books he has acquired a knowledge which enables him to take rank with the foremost young ministers of the State. His knowledge has all been acquired by home study as he never attended ought but country schools.

In 1886 he was united in marriage to Miss Deila Fox, and to this union two sons have been born respectively on June 28, 1887, and December 3, 1889.

We present a picture of his happy and interesting family to our readers. April 20, 1889, he received a license from Rev. W. A. Keesy, P. E., at a meeting of quarterly conference, to preach, and at the session of the annual conference which convened at Bowling Green, Ohio, September 22, 1889, he was assigned to the Bluffton circuit by the Presiding Elder, Rev. J. Crouse, and began to discharge the duties of this position at once.

During the first year of his ministry he held three special meetings and received forty-seven accessions. Early in the spring of 1890 it was decided to repair the church at Pandora, Ohio, which was a charge in the Bluffton circuit, but upon an examination of the old building it was decided to build a new church from the foundation, and during that summer the young preacher performed the arduous task of raising $1,335 for the construction and had the pleasure of witnessing the dedication in September, 1890, by Rev. E. B. Mauer, of his first triumph in church building.

At the annual conference held at Findlay, September 18, 1890, Rev. Light was admitted to full membership in that body and was returned to the Bluffton circuit. During the year following he had three special meetings, received seven accessions and repaired the church at Mt. Pisgah.

At the annual conference held at Fostoria, Ohio, in September, 1891, he was appointed to the Continental mission, and was returned to the same mission by the conferences of 1892-93. Upon assuming the duties of his new charge he found it in bad condition. The Continental church had an enrollment of fifteen members, but only seven could be found who were active, but with this small nucleus he began a reorganization and reconstruction, and two years later he beheld his energies develop into one of the most prosperous congregations in the county, with the beautiful new church building, a cut of which we publish, to worship in.

FAMILY GROUP OF REV. A. F. LIGHT.

The Continental mission had four appointments: Kieferville, Wisterman, Forest Grove, and Continental, and during the first year Rev. Light held four special meetings, receiving one hundred and twenty one conversions, and during the spring of 1892 it was decided to build a church, services being then held in an old hall. This arduous task Rev. Light began, and by the magnanimous co-operation of the active members of the congregation he was enabled to dedicate, on January 1, 1893, by Bishop J. Weaver, one of the handsomest church edifices in the county. The structure had cost $2,500, and its building, under the circumstances, forms a glorious chapter in the works of a consecrated and energetic young man. Two special meetings were held during his second year, with sixty-seven accessions, and the third year, two meetings and fifty accessions. Rev. Light was appointed by the conference of 1894 to the charge at North Robinson, Ohio, where he is at this writing, and with a glorious past, an energetic and persevering present, we accord to him an honorable and useful future.

WILLIAM J. LUDWIG.

Prominently identified with the leading citizens and business men of northwestern Putnam county is the individual whose life and works are to be chronicled in this biography.

William J. Ludwig was born September 26, 1857, on a farm near Providence, Lucas county, Ohio. He is the son of Isaac and Christiana Ludwig, who moved to Ohio from York county, Pennsylvania, in 1849. He is a descendant of German ancestors, his great grandfather having settled at Philadelphia about 1780.

W. J. LUDWIG AND FAMILY.

Twenty years later his grandfather moved to York county, Pa., where his father was born and lived until 1849, when, as related, he moved to Ohio.

Our subject attended school at Providence until 1877, when he attended school at Grand Rapids until the spring of 1878, when he went to Iowa and remained until the latter part of 1880, when he returned to Providence, and on January 1, 1881, he assumed the management of his father's flour mills at Providence Lock, Ohio. He discharged the duties of this position with great credit and success for five years, and at the end of that time engaged in farming, having in charge one of his father's farms.

This occupation he continued until April 5, 1888, when he moved to Continental and engaged in the grain and feed business, and soon after added groceries and provisions. Two years later he sold out to E. C. Prettyman and purchased a meat market which he conducted one year, and then worked two years in the grocery store of J. W. Willis, at the end of which time, or on January 1, 1893, he purchased the stock of Mr. Willis, and since that date he has been conducting a very successful business under the firm name of W. J. Ludwig.

His store is always filled with a complete and select line of groceries and provisions, and his meat market is filled with the best meats the rich farms of Putnam county afford. The great and growing patronage of his store indicates the confidence in which the busy proprietor is held, the quality of his goods and the integrity of his dealing.

He was married December 18, 1881, to Miss Emma R. Walgenback, of Grand Rapids, Ohio, daughter of Henry and Catharine Walgenback, highly esteemed residents of that place. To this union have been born three children—George A., born May 26, 1883; Floyd E., born September 14, 1890, died November 9, 1890; Lloyd L., born October 20, 1892.

Mr. Ludwig is a young man of fine business ability, unflinching integrity and reliably progressive. He is the architect of his own fortune, and by his energy he has worked his way to a leading position in the best business realm of Putnam county. He is public spirited and is liberal with his energy, influence and means toward the progress of his adopted town.

In 1878 he united with the Reformed church of which he was a member until 1893, when he subscribed to the creed of the United Brethren church and he has since been a leading instrument in the rapid development of this church at Continental.

OTTO L. PLETTNER.

Merit wins success, and in a review of the life of the subject of this sketch this fact is most discernable. Otto L. Plettner was born at Swanton, Fulton county, Ohio, July 7, 1862. He attended school at the village of Ai, in his native county, during his youth, and in 1885 began learning the trade of a blacksmith and wagonmaker with Eugene Wales, of Ai. At the end of two years he had mastered his trade, and spent the next year working at his trade in Holgate.

On November 17, 1888, he came to Continental and established a general machinery repair shop. So great is his ability, so indefatigable his industry and so wonderful his progress, that now, at the end of seven years, he finds himself the proprietor of one of the largest, best equipped and most liberally patronized machine shops in Northwestern Ohio.

He was married on July 4, 1888, at Waterman, Indiana, to Miss Minnie V. Holmes, of that place. To them have been born two children: Mildred E., born November 20, 1890, and a son, November 6, 1894—died in infancy.

Mr. Plettner is a young man of good character, unflinching energy, and a will of progression. He has built up his business to such a proportion in so short a time as to demand the respect and pride of his adopted town. He repairs any and everything in the machinery line and does a general blacksmithing business.

His machine works gives employment to two men all the year, besides the ever busy proprietor, and during the summer season four men are employed. Considering the record he has made in the past, the good standing of which he is at present possessed, and the prospects of his adopted town, we concede to him a useful and successful future.

Hector.

THE HECTOR STAVE COMPANY.

The Hector Stave Works was organized in 1881 as a branch of the Brooklyn Cooperage Company and was placed under the management of Mr. W. H. Thrall. The concern continued to transact its business under the above arrangement until 1889, when it was incorporated under the laws of Ohio as the Hector Stave Company, with a capital stock of $100,000, by Hector C. Havemeyer, John E. Searles, Jr., F. Havemeyer, W. H. Thrall, W and E. C. Thrall, with W. H. Thrall, President; J. E. Searles, Vice President; E. C. Thrall, Secretary and Treasurer.

The same officers have since that time retained their respective offices in the concern, and under their able management the company's great volume of business has been transacted and some of the most rapid developments and most substantial improvements of Putnam county have been due to their energy.

In 1881 Mr. W. H. Thrall and E. C. Thrall came to Ohio in search of stave timber, and in the fall of 1881 and spring of 1882 they purchased nineteen hundred acres in Palmer and Monroe townships, Putnam county, and began at once the erection of an extensive stave mill which has been operated since that time by these two gentlemen with an annual production of 10,000,000 staves and 4,000,000 hoops, furnishing employment to one hundred men.

In 1882 W. H. Thrall and E. C. Thrall had about thirty-two acres lying on the north side of the Nickel Plate railroad, platted by E. W. Dimmock, County Surveyor, and began to build the town of Hector, having given it that name in honor of Hector Havemeyer, one of the members of the company. The plat was recorded December 26, 1882, and by the energies of its founders Hector has experienced a very rapid and substantial growth since that date and has become the center of a large mercantile trade.

The proprietors of Hector have been liberal in contributing their efforts and means toward the development of the town. By their liberal contributions a fine church and school buildings have been erected, a K. of P. lodge has been organized and a suitable hall built exclusively by the company. They have constructed from time to time numerous and modern homes and sold them to their employes and others on very liberal terms.

In 1891 they organized the Hector Creamery and Cheese Company and constructed one of the first and largest creameries in the county. They have used unceasing energy in the development and improvement of their rich lands and now find themselves the possessors of some of Putnam county's most productive lands.

The business energies of W. H. and E. C. Thrall seem not measurable by volume for, besides the personal management of their vast stave business, the rapid improvement of their lands and the development of their town, they have conducted, on the most successful basis, one of the largest mercantile concerns in Northwestern Ohio, known as the Hector Store, which has long since become famous throughout Putnam and adjoining counties for the immense volume of business it has done, and the standard business methods of its owners and managers.

HECTOR STAVE WORKS VIEW.

We take pride in asserting that no individual or organization in the history of the county has done more to develop its re-

sources or made substantial or rapid progress in this direction. They have converted thousands of acres of land from swamps into the best improved farms, they have given hundreds of her laborers constant employment and aided them in securing homes; they have placed on her map one of the most prosperous villages,

VIEW OF HECTOR, OHIO.

and inseparably linked with the county's highest stage of progression will ever be the names of W. H. and E. C. Thrall.

W. H. THRALL.

The subject of this sketch was born in Ridgefield, Connecticut, June 10, 1827, but moved to Onondago county, New York, with his parents when eight years old, where he attended school until 1842, when he moved to Oswego county, New York, where he lived until 1853, working on a farm and for the Humphrey & Dodge Cooperage Co., one of the largest cooperage companies of its day.

In 1853 he moved to New York City and became interested in the Yonkers Barrel Company, one of the largest concerns of the kind in the world, of which he became president, with whom he remained until the organization of the Brooklyn Cooperage Co., of which he was elected president, and as president of this

W. H. THRALL.

company he came to Ohio in the year 1881 to secure a suitable site for the manufacture of staves. This he found in the northwestern part of Putnam county, and in the latter part of that year and the following year he purchased 1,900 acres in Palmer and Monroe townships and at once began the management of one of the most successful stave manufactories in the country.

The county of Putnam may well be proud of the day W. H. Thrall decided to locate within her borders, for no man in her history has contributed as largely to her development.

Mr. Thrall was married in 1848 to Miss Narcissa P. Fair, of Pulaski, N. Y., and to this union has been born one child—E. C. Thrall, born in New York City, August 22. 1856.

E. C. THRALL.

No man ever claiming citizenship within the limits of Putnam county has demonstrated a more remarkable adaptability for the reputable and successful management of vast business interests and undertakings than has the subject of this sketch.

E. C. Thrall, son of W. H. and Narcissa (Fair) Thrall, was born in New York City, August 22, 1856. He was educated in the Yonkers Military Academy, of New York, from which institution he graduated in 1873. After graduating he became engaged with his father in the manufacture of staves, and in 1882 came to Ohio and became the financial manager of the Hector Stave Works, and remained in this position until the incorporation of the Hector Stave Company in 1889, when he was elected to the responsible position of secretary and treasurer of

E. C. THRALL.

the company, and has discharged the important duties of this office until the present writing with universal satisfaction to his company and commendable praise from the business world. He has been equally identified with his father in all the vast improvements of their lands, in the founding and building of Hector, and in the management of the great Hector store.

He was married to Ella L. Sharp, of New York, in 1887, and to them have been born two children—W. H., aged eleven years, and E. C., Jr., aged ten.

The great factory of the Hector Stave Company was burned in 1895.

MANRAS R. DETROW.

Manras R. Detrow was born at Lykem, Crawford county, Ohio, May 3, 1866. He received his education in the schools of that county, where he continued to live until November 14, 1887, when he came to Putnam county, locating at Hector. Soon after locating there he engaged in the drug business at Continental, remaining in that business in that place for five years, when he sold out and engaged in farming until September 19, 1894, when he engaged in the drug business at Hector.

In addition to conducting his drug business and farming interests near Hector, he is handling very extensively the "Vegetable Boiler Compound," an invaluable compound for cleaning steam boilers, and one which is receiving universal recommendation.

M. R. DETROW.

Mr. Detrow was married August 2, 1893, to Miss Lizzie J. Laird, of Putnam county, and they have one child—Doctor Dale Detrow, born September 29, 1894.

He is one of the county's most prosperous young business men, being energetic, industrious and progressive.

Miller City.

Miller City was, on August 22, 1882, laid out and platted by Aaron Oberbeck, surveyor, and dedicated under the name of St. Nicholas, by Nicholas Noriot and Nicholas Miller, the proprietors of the two parcels of land upon which the village plat was located. One hundred and three lots were contained in the first plat. Situated as it was upon the line of the New York, Chicago & St Louis Railroad, it soon became the center of trade for the occupants of that exceptionally fertile portion of our county which composed what is known distinctively as the South Prairie, and which, as it became thoroughly drained, produced crops of onions, corn, potatoes and other produce unequaled by any land in Ohio.

Miller City became the shipping point for these enormous crops as well as for much of the timber and lumber manufactured in its vicinity. Under the impetus of this trade stores were established, lots were sold and the town grew with such rapidity that in 1884 Mr. Miller found it necessary to lay out an addition containing forty-five lots; and again, in May, 1887, a second addition containing eighty one lots.

The growth of the town was such that upon petition to the County Commissioners and proceedings had pursuant to law thereon, that on the 26th day of November, 1890, the town with its additions was duly incorporated as a village, under the name of Miller City, being so named for the original proprietor, the well known and esteemed citizen, Nicholas Miller, to whose energy and business tact the growth and progress of the village is largely due. Hogan Brower was the first postmaster, and Dr. Lewis Deuble was the first mayor.

With a territory so fertile to draw from and the facilities which it possesses for shipment, it would seem probable that at no great distance in the future Miller City may look for the establishment of canning and starch factories, which will afford a home market for the produce which the deep muck soil of the prairie is so well fitted to produce.

North Creek.

North Creek lies in Palmer township, Putnam county, Ohio, upon the line of the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City railroad, commonly called the Clover Leaf route. The town was orig-

inally platted and laid out by William Schafer in April, 1879, and at that time consisted of thirty-one (31) inlots and three (3) outlots. Mr. Schafer afterwards, between the years 1879 and 1883, laid out three (3) separate additions to the original town in order to meet the great demand there was for lots, and today North Creek is a thrifty little village, having the snap and energy of places much larger in population than it is, and to William Schater, more than any other, is due the prosperity and growth of North Creek. Mr. Schafer is a representative Putnam county man; has been Justice of the Peace of Palmer township for twenty-nine years, was elected County Commissioner in 1875, and served two terms, going out of office in 1881. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of Putnam County Agricultural Society from 1893 to 1896. Being a man of energy and push, always up and doing, it is therefore not much of a wonder to those intimately acquainted with him, that in starting the town of North Creek, he succeeded far in excess of the most sanguine.

A. T. STEINER.

Andrew T. Steiner, son of Rev. Isaac and Nancy (Thut) Steiner, was born April 1, 1853, and was married by Rev. J. V. Updike, V. D., to Iantha F. Crow, born July 21, 1856, daughter of William R. and Beersheba (Brower) Crow. They have four children—Anggie Ottello, born in Union township, Van Wert county, Ohio, January 27, 1875; Isaac Richardson, born in Greensburg township, Putnam county, O., October 12, 1882; James Albin, born in Greensburg township, Putnam county, O., May 6, 1885; Benjamin Harrison, born in Greensburg township, Putnam county, October 3, 1888.

A. T. STEINER—RED OAK FARM.

He attended the Northwestern Ohio Normal School at Ada, and taught seven terms of school with success. He was appointed postmaster at Sheridan, Ohio, under President Harrison's administration, in 1891, but refused the honor. Soon after he was employed to carry the mail from Sheridan to Ottawa until August 30 1892. In July, 1892, he petitioned to Postmaster-General Wannamaker to have the postoffice at Sheridan discontinued, he receiving one month's extra pay.

His grandfather, John Steiner, was one of Napoleon Bonaparte's soldiers; and his grandfather, John Thut, was a bishop in the Menonite denomination, and his father, Elder Isaac Steiner, a minister in the Church of God. His occupation is farming.

Postoffice address, Hector, Ohio.

Dupont.

Dupont, an incorporated village in Perry township, was laid out in the year 1877 by Dr. M. M. Hixon, Joseph Wollam, E. W. Dimock and others, as the proprietors, the survey being made by E. W. Dimock. The town plat includes a portion of sections eight and nine in that township.

The town was named in honor of Rear Admiral S. F. Dupont, of the United States Navy, a postoffice of that name having been established about the year 1864, with E. W. Dimock as postmaster, the mail route being from Ottawa to Charloe—twenty six miles once a week. In 1877 the Toledo, Delphos & Indianapolis narrow guage railroad was built through the village, and about 1888 the entire route was changed to a standard guage and known as the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City Railroad.

Dupont was incorporated in 1888 and E. W. Dimock chosen as mayor, who served two years. It contains at present about 700 inhabitants, has a graded school with a large and commodious school building, and is the center of a special district. The town contains two churches, two hotels, two sawmills, one tile factory, five stores of general merchandise, one hardware store, one drug store, one harness and buggy dealer, two agricultural implement dealers, one grain and feed store, one ax-handle factory. There are two physicians of extensive practive, and many other professions and trades are represented. The Auglaize river passes about one-half mile south of Dupont, and is there spanned by two fine bridge structures; the county bridge having cost about $25,000, and the steel bridge of the T., St. L. & K. C. Ry., situated a short distance down stream from the county bridge, being a massive and most substantial specimen of bridge building.

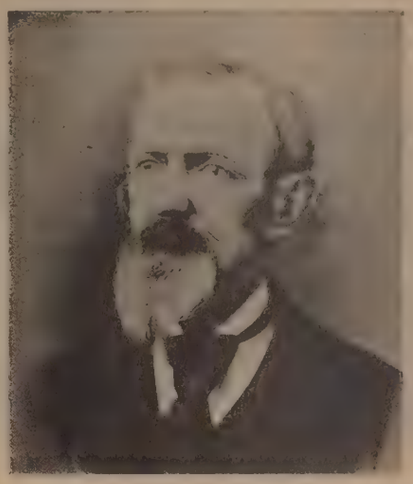
Dupont enjoys a thriving trade, the agricultural advantages of the surrounding country affording a healthy business. There are many fine residences in the village, the town is generally well cared for, and society is good.

ELIAS W. DIMOCK.

Elias W. Dimock was born in Otsego county N. Y., November 24, 1831; was educated at Gilbertsville Collegiate Institute, New York, graduating therefrom in 1844; emigrated the same year with his parents to Central Ohio, and in 1848 the family settled in Perry township of this county, near the confluence of Blanchard and Auglaize rivers. He followed farming in summer and school teaching in the winter season, and in 1854 married Miss Mary Ridenour, of which union was born six children, four of whom are now living.

In 1854 be superintended the opening of five miles of the then Tiffin & Ft. Wayne railroad (now the Nickel Plate), and in 1870 engaged in surveying and civil engineering. In 1876 was projected the Toledo, Delphos & Indianopolis railroad, and through the efforts of himself and many more of the people of Dupont and vicinity, the company was induced to carry their line through that village.

In 1877 he received the appointment of Chief Engineer of that line, and at once surveyed and established the route as far as Grand Rapids, remaining with the company till the road changed hands in 1880. Mr. Dimock subsequently acted as



ELIAS W. DIMOCK.

Chief Engineer in the location and construction of the Delphos & Kokomo railroad, the C. & D. narrow gauge, the Frankfort & State Line railroad, and the Delphos & Southren line.

In 1881 he was elected Surveyor of Putnam county, and served two terms, during which time he located and built seventeen improved roads under the two mile assessment plan, besides the work of county ditching—at that time very general.

Mr. Dimock was the first postmaster of Dupont office (1866); he laid out and surveyed the village of Dupont, was its first Mayor, acting in that capacity for six years. His faithful wife passed away March 24, 1895, and he now resides at his old home with two of his daughters.

DR. ELI DIMOCK.

Dr. Eli Dimock was born in Otsego county, N. Y., in 1822. He studied medicine under Dr. R. Stillman, in Burlington, of that county, completed his medical education at New York University, and has been a practitioner of medicine forty-nine years.

DR. ELI DIMOCK.

He came to this region in 1849 and practiced his profession for three years at Junction, Ohio, subsequently becoming a resident of Perry township, Putnam county, where he has followed the calling of physician ever since. His residence is at Dupont, Putnam county. He was married in 1847 to Miss Mary Guile, one daughter being born to them—now deceased.

The Doctor is a well known resident of this county; he has been identified with every public interest in his neighborhood, and of his benevolent and friendly disposition it is superfluous to speak. In 1895 he donated his large and well preserved geological and archiological cabinet to the Ottawa School Board. He has now retired from active practice.

NOAH W. PROWANT.

We present an interior view of the store room of Noah W. Prowant, of Dupont, Ohio, druggist and dealer in Paints, Books,

INTERIOR VIEW OF NOAH W. PROWANT'S DRUG STORE.

Wall Paper, and such other articles as are found in all completely equipped drug stores.

Mr. Prowant was born January 31, 1864, near Dupont, and is a son of Ephraim and Mary (Myers) Prowant. His father being a farmer, he acquired his early education in the country schools. He, while working on his father's farm, learned those traits of character, industry and economy, which are so essential to a successful business career.

He entered the Normal University of Ada, Ohio, and graduated from the Pharmaceutical department of that school on July 13, 1894.

He was married to Miss Lois Marriott, daughter of W. P. and Saloma Marriott, December 25, 1889. They have one child—Mary Saloma, born November 12, 1890.

Cascade.

This town lies on the west bank of the Auglaize river and on the north side of the Findlay, Ft. Wayne & Western railroad, and was laid out and platted by E. W. Dimock, ex-County Surveyor, in 1892, for Charles Andrews, the proprietor.

Huntstown.

Huntstown is a thrifty little place, situated in Jackson township, Putnam county, Ohio, and was platted and laid out in twenty-two town lots by Samuel Stukey, in 1883, and lies on the T., St. L. & K. C. Ry., commonly known as the Clover Leaf Route. While it is not much of a town at present, yet it is destined to become quite a trading point in the near future, having as it has a thrifty, live, wide-awake farming community surrounding it on all sides and in all directions. Time only can tell to what proportions it may attain in coming years.

Cloverdale.

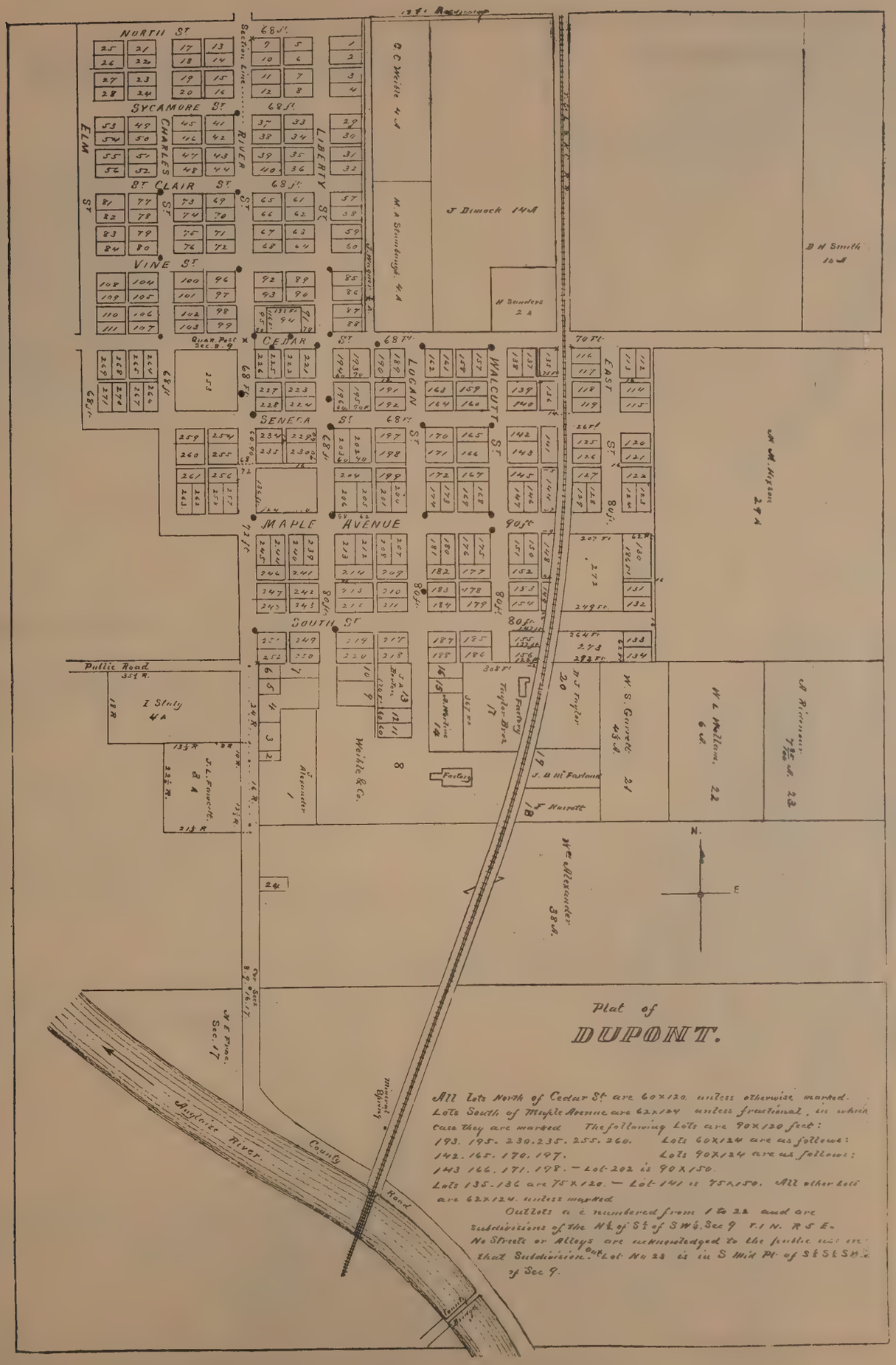
Cloverdale is located at the junction of the Clover Leaf and The Tangent (Findlay, Ft. Wayne & Western) railroads and was surveyed and platted by E. W Dimock, civil engineer, for the proprietors, W. H. Mozier, E. M. Mozier, Tunis Truax, Nora Truax, Austin Combs and Mary Combs, in 1892. The name of the postoffice at that place is Drucilla.

Muntanna.

The town of Muntanna is situated in Section Four, of Jackson township, Putnam county, Ohio, and on the Clover Leaf railroad. It was surveyed and platted by George Skinner, surveyor, for George H Calkins, proprietor, in 1881.

Wisterman.

This village is located in Section Thirteen, of Monroe township, Putnam county, Ohio, and on the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City railway. It was surveyed and platted by E. W. Dimock in 1883, for W. S. Daly, E. R. Eastman and Jane James, the proprietors.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SYCAMORE ST.
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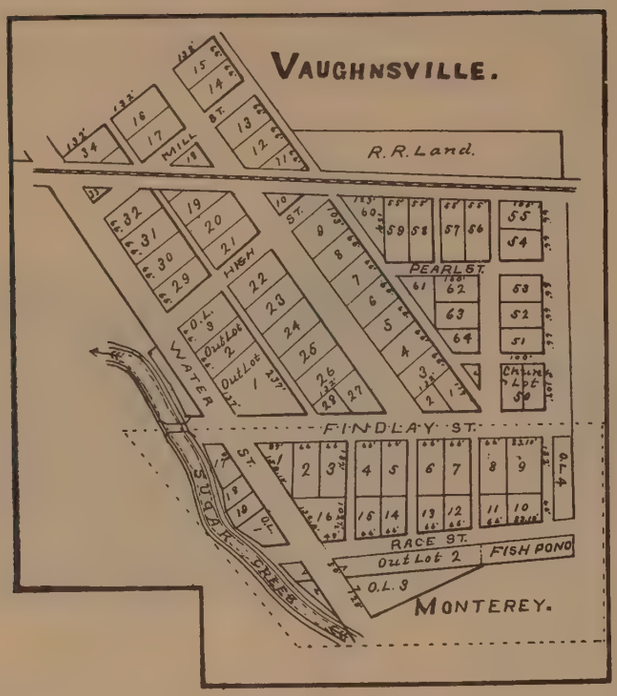
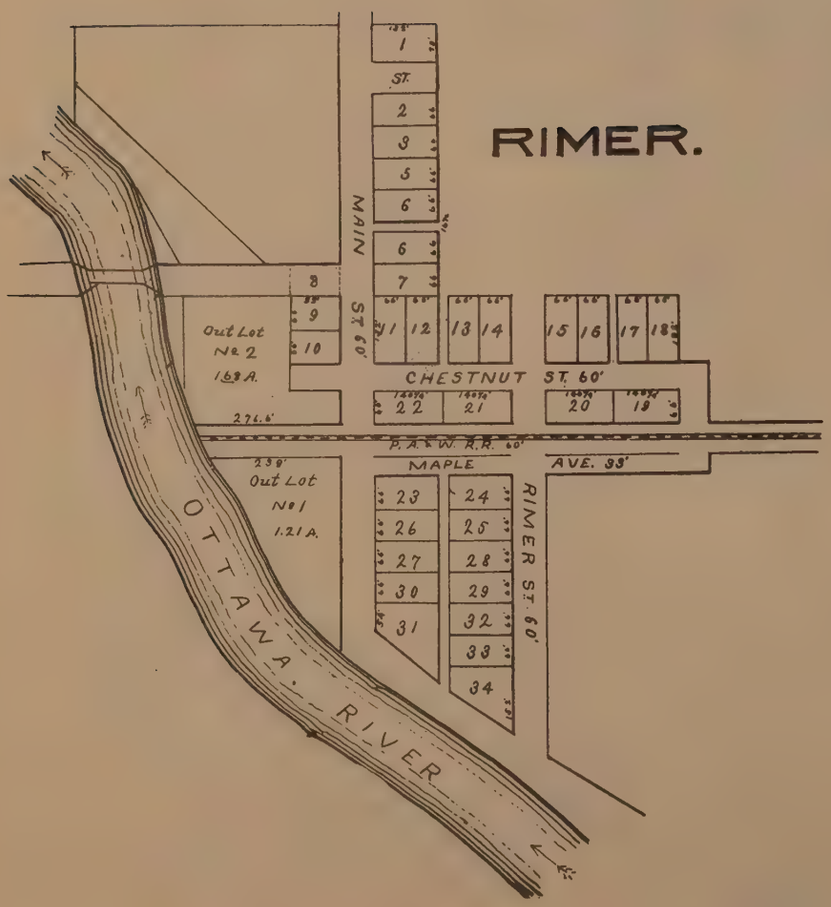
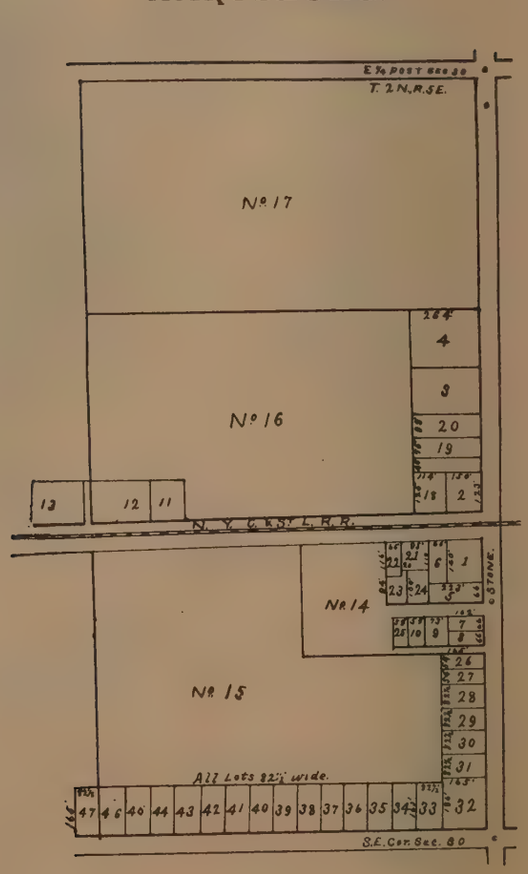
VINE ST.
CEDAR ST.
SENECA ST.
MAPLE AVENUE
SOUTH ST.
ELM ST.
CHARLES ST.
RIVER ST.
LIBERTY ST.
LOGAN ST.
WALNUT ST.
EAST ST.
68 Ft.
70 Ft.
80 Ft.
90 Ft.
G.C. Weible 4 A
J. Dimock 144
M.A. Stansbrough 4 A
H. Sanders 2 A
D.H. Smith 10 A
W.M. Nelson 29 A
I. Study 4 A
J.L. Fawcett 2 A
Weible & Co.
Factory
Taylor Bros. 17
D.J. Taylor 20
W.S. Garrett 43 A.
W.L. Nelson 6 A.
J. Alexander 38 A.
Public Road
Section Line
Quar. Post Sec. 9-9
Quar. Post Sec. 9-16
Plat of
DUPONT.
All lots North of Cedar St are 60x120. unless otherwise marked.
Lots South of Maple Avenue are 62x124 unless fractional, in which case they are marked. The following Lots are 90x120 feet:
193. 195. 230. 235. 255. 260. 142. 165. 170. 197. 143 166. 171. 198. — Lot 202 is 90x150.
Lots 135-136 are 75x120. — Lot 141 is 75x150. All other lots are 62x124. unless marked.
Outlots a e numbered from 1 to 22 and are subdivisions of the N½ of S½ of SW¼ Sec 9 T. 1 N. R 5 E.
No Streets or Alleys are acknowledged to the public use in that Subdivision. Out Lot No 23 is in S Mid Pt. of SE¼ SE¼ SW¼ of Sec 9.
Auglaize River
County Road
County Bridge
Mill Race
N.
E.

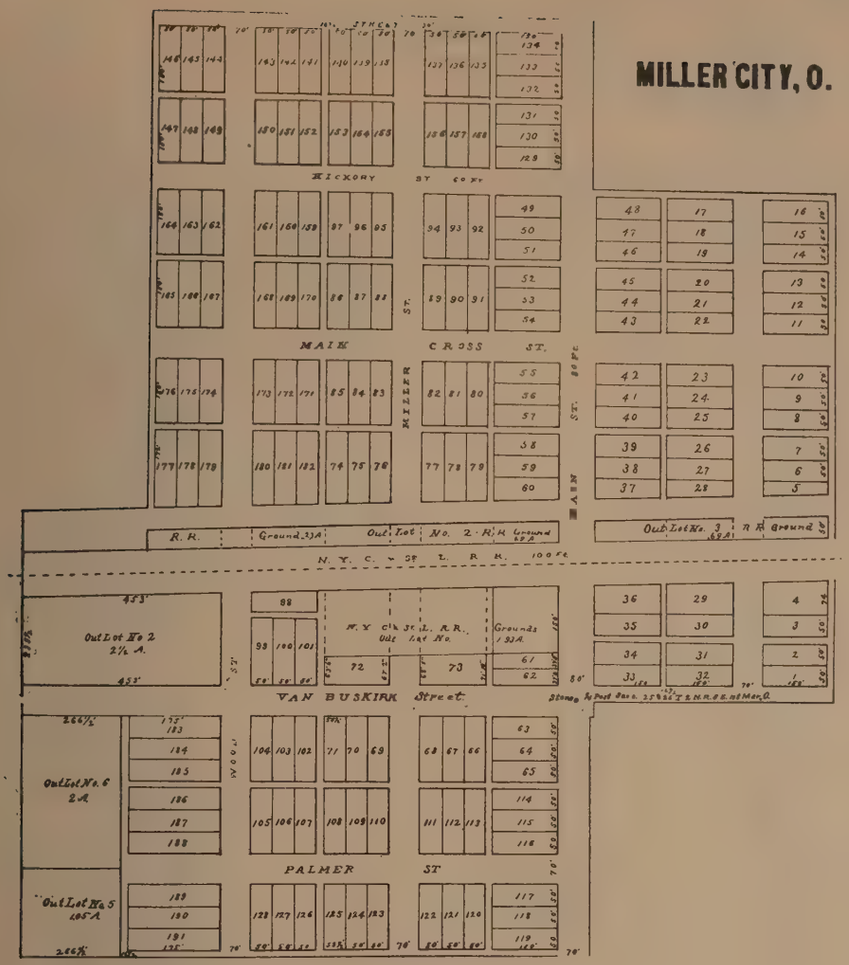

VAUGHNSVILLE.
R.R. Land.
MILL ST.
HIGH ST.
PEARL ST.
WATER ST.
FINDLAY ST.
RACE ST.
Out Lot 2
FISH POND
O.L. 9
MONTEREY.

RUSHMORE.
CENTER ST 60'
Out Lot No 1
Out Lot No 2
Out Lot No 3
O.L. No 4
MAIN ST 50'
PUSH ST 40'
BOOM ST 40'
RUSH ST 40'

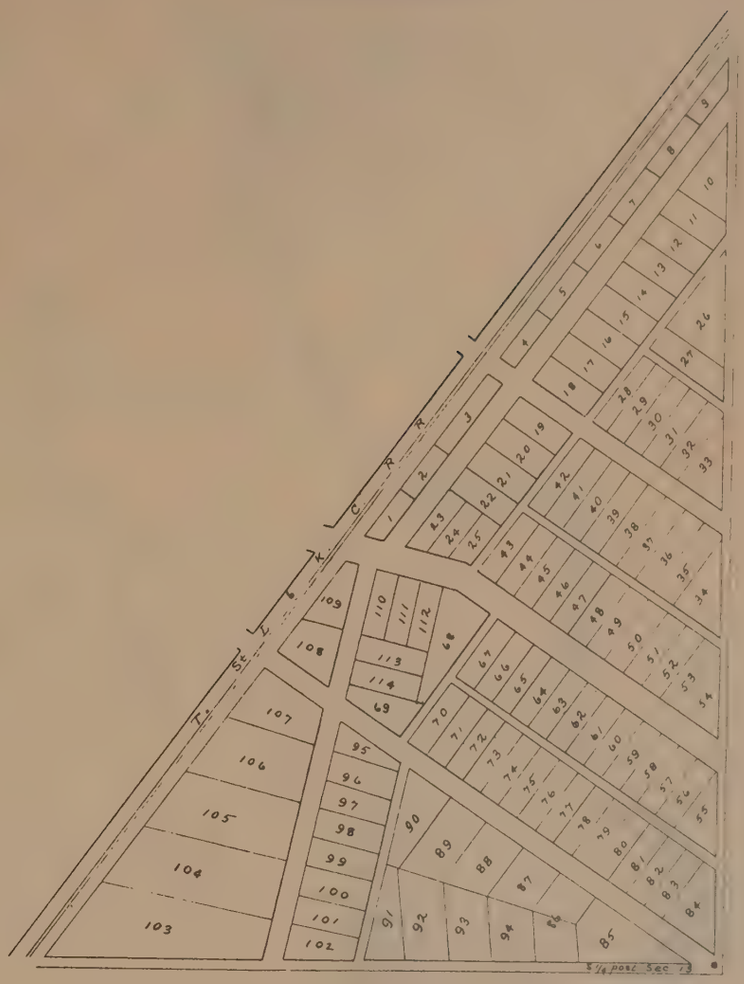

RIMER.
MAIN ST 60'
Out Lot No 2 168 A.
CHESTNUT ST. 60'
P.A.&W. R.R. 60'
MAPLE AVE. 33'
Out Lot No 1 1.21 A.
RIMER ST. 60'
OTTAWA RIVER


HARTSBURG.
T. 2 N. R. 5 E.
No 17
No 16
No 14
No 15
N.Y.C. & St.L. R.R.
All Lots 82½ wide.
S.E. Cor. Sec. 30

MILLER CITY, O.


HICKORY ST
MAIN ST
CROSS ST.
MILLER ST.
MAIN ST.
N. Y. C. & St. L. R. R. 100 Ft.
R. R. Ground 2.3 A.
Out Lot No. 2 R. R. Ground
Out Lot No. 3
Out Lot No 2 2¼ A.
N. Y. C. & St. L. R. R. Out Lot No.
Grounds 1.33 A.
VAN BUSKIRK Street
Out Lot No 6 2 A.
WOOD ST.
PALMER ST
Out Lot No 5 1.05 A.

WISTERMAN.



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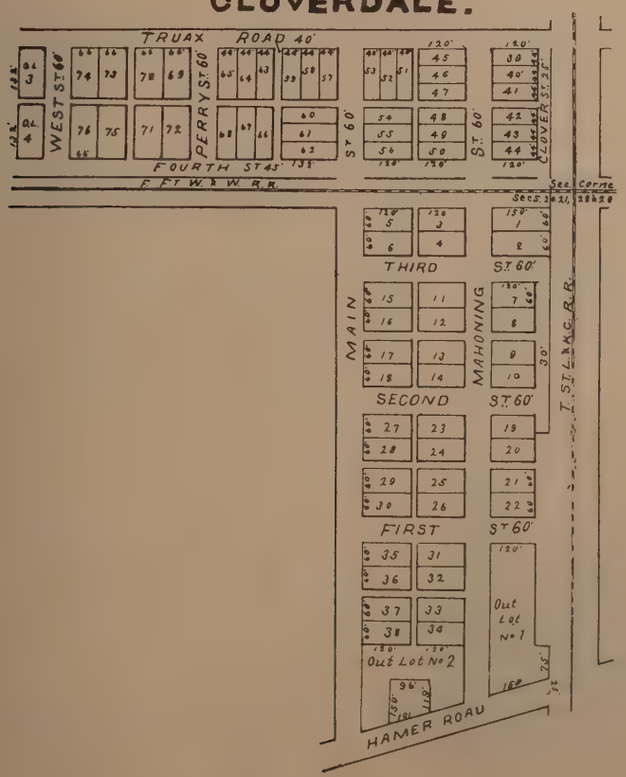

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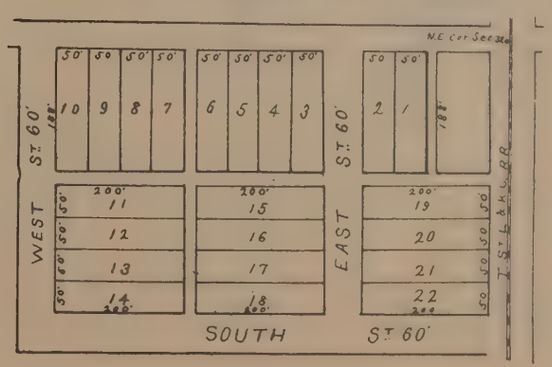

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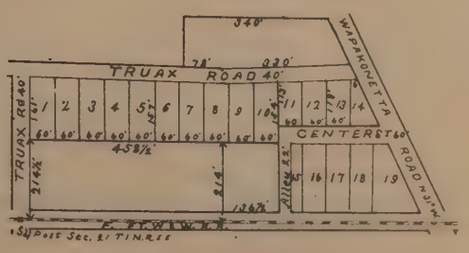

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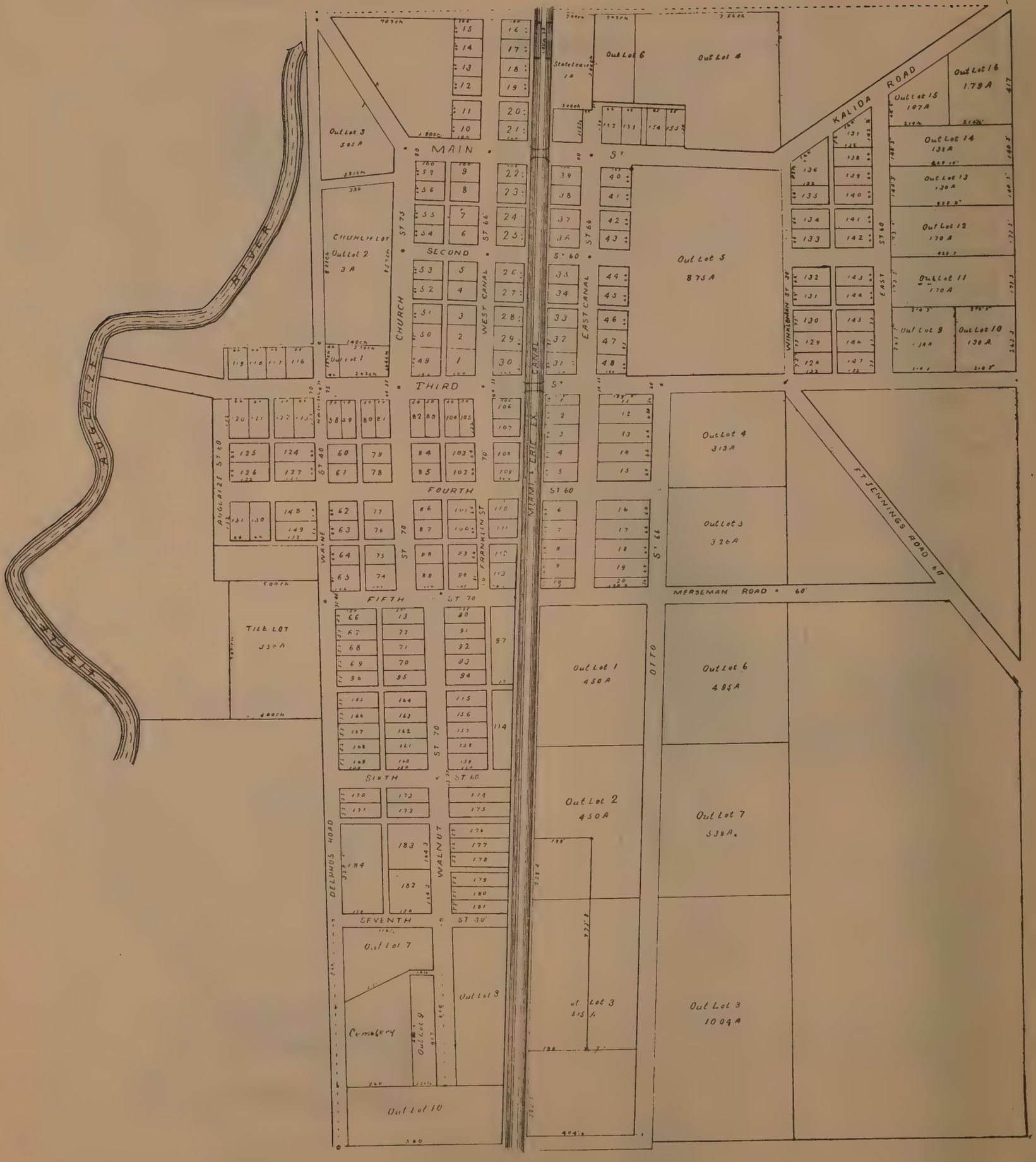
MAIN
SECOND
THIRD
FOURTH
FIFTH
SIXTH
SEVENTH
ST
CHURCH
WEST CANAL
EAST CANAL
MIAMI & ERIE CANAL
AUGLAIZE
WAYNE
FRANKLIN
WALNUT
DELPHOS ROAD
OTTO
KALIDA ROAD
FT JENNINGS ROAD 60'
MERSEMAN ROAD 60'
WINKLEMAN ST 30'
EAST
RIVER
Out Lot 1 450 A
Out Lot 2 450 A
Out Lot 3 1004
Out Lot 4 313 A
Out Lot 5 326 A
Out Lot 6 495 A
Out Lot 7 538 A.
Out Lot 8
Out Lot 9
Out Lot 10
Out Lot 11 170 A
Out Lot 12 170 A
Out Lot 13 130 A
Out Lot 14 138 A
Out Lot 15 107 A
Out Lot 16 179 A
Out Lot 2 3 A
Out Lot 3 505 A
Out Lot 4
Out Lot 5 875 A
Out Lot 6
Out Lot 7
Out Lot 8
Out Lot 9 130 A
Out Lot 10 130 A
CHURCH LOT
TILE LOT 3.50 A
Cemetery
State Lease 1 A

History of Ottoville.

In 1845 Elias Everett, County Surveyor, platted for Rev. John Otto Bredeick a parcel of land in the northeast corner of Sec. 30, T. 1, S. R. 5, E., Putnam county, Ohio; but this survey was abandoned and the same lands resurveyed by Charles Wannemacher in 1873.

In 1863 Samuel Parker, County Surveyor, surveyed for Christ Martin, proprietor, that part of the original town plot lying in the southwest part of Sec. 19, T. 1, S. R. 5, E. This survey has been changed somewhat since that time. In 1865 F. J. Lye laid out an addition west of the canal in Section 30; George Skinner, surveyor. In 1874 Peter Wannemacher laid out an addition to Ottoville in the northeast corner of Sec. 25, T. 1, S. R. 4, E.; Aaron Oberbeck, surveyor. In 1883 Aaron Oberbeck, at the instance of Richard Gilmour, bishop of Cleveland, Ohio, resurveyed all that part of Ottoville originally laid out in Section 19. The same surveyor platted an addition in Section 19 for Max Winkleman during the year 1892.

In 1894 D. W. Seitz, surveyor, platted an addition in Section 25 for Peter Wannemacher, and later in the same year the same surveyor platted a sub-division of part of outlots numbers 4 and 6 for Messrs. Schulien and Wannemacher.

The town was incorporated in 1890, with Joseph Wannemacher, Mayor; J. C. Wannemacher, Clerk; John Branderhoff, Marshal; Matt. Schulien, Treasurer; V. H. Otte, Peter Wannemacher, B. Wannemacher, J. B. Mersman, J. J. Miller, and William Gasser, Councilmen. The present officers are J. J. Miller, Mayor; J. C. Wannemacher, Clerk; Frank Miehls, Marshal; Matt. Schulien, Treasurer; Max. Winkleman, S. S. Vinke, Ben. Wannemacher, J. B. Mersman, and William Gasser, Councilmen. It is the center of a most prosperous farming community, and the home of the St. Mary's Immaculate Conception church, one of the most beautiful and costly church edifices in the state.

There are two good hotels, two first-class general stores, one of the best hardware stores in the county, a drug store not surpassed in the county, a harness store, grist mill, creamery, tile factory, and one of the largest and best equipped saw mills in the state; and all of these mercantile concerns and factories are conducted by as good a class of business men as the county affords.

OTTOVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

On March 25, 1869, a notice of a petition was posted in the most public places of Monterey township. This petition was to the trustees of that township and prayed for the organization of a special school district for the village of Ottoville. It was signed by Charles Wannemacher, William Rekart, Mathias Winkleman, Joseph C. Fournier, Gerhard H. Otte, Joseph Rekart, Mathias Wrocklage, Peter Wannemacher, John Freyburger and Christopher Kortokrax, and was created on April 8, 1869. The special district includes all of Sections 30, 31, 36, 25, 19 and parts of 13, 18 and 24, in Monterey township. The first school house for the special district was built in 1869, on lot number 116, in Peter Wannemacher's addition. The first board of directors consisted of Mathias Wrocklage, president; William Rekart, secretary, and Charles Wannemacher, treasurer. Barney Helmkamp was contractor for building the first school house, which cost $380. John D. Reisfelder was the first teacher, at a salary of forty dollars per month, and one hundred scholars to teach.

On April 1, 1895, the board of education met and resolved that the old building had become inadequate to supply the needs of the district, and a proposition to build another was voted on and carried. The board consisted of W. J. Rekart, J. B. Mersman, and Frank Pohl, and it was further resolved to begin the construction of said building at once. A suitable site, consisting of three acres of land in the southeast corner of section 24, was purchased, and a contract for a building to cost $8000 was let to W. A. Fisher, of Ottawa, Ohio. The contract was let June 1, 1895, and work began on the fifteenth of the same month, and the building was completed January 1, 1896. It is a handsome and imposing brick building standing on a knoll of ground on the banks of the Little Auglaize river and overlooking the beautiful village of Ottoville. It is two stories high and has four rooms, the two on the first floor being 30x34 feet each, and those above, 30x30 feet each. The building is of modern architecture, very substantially built, contains the Smead system of heating and ventilating, and is finished with the best of seasoned lumber from the famous mill of J. B. Mersman. There is about 250 scholars enrolled, and the building they have to study in is a fitting monument to the thrift and progress of the people of Ottoville.

THE PEOPLES' DRUG COMPANY.

The Peoples' Drug Company, Ottoville, Ohio, was organized in 1893, and purchased July 1, 1894, by Messrs. Mathias Wannemacher and W. T. Remlinger, the latter gentleman having charge and management of the business.

W. T. Remlinger was born March 23, 1873, in Pleasant Valley, Putnam county, and is the son of Andrew and Mary Remlinger, highly esteemed residents of Jackson township. When one year old his parents moved to a farm two and one-half miles northeast of Fort Jennings, and our subject attended school at the Hetrick school house until sixteen years of age, when he went to Crawfis College, where he remained one year and then engaged in teaching, which he followed for three years. May 23, 1893, he entered the Ohio Normal University, at Ada, Ohio, and graduated from the Pharmaceutical department of that institution March 8, 1894. After receiving his certificate at Columbus he came to Ottoville and purchased an interest in The Peoples' Drug Company, in which he continued to work until July 1, 1894, when, in partnership with Mathias Wannemacher, he purchased the entire interests of the company and assumed the responsibility of its management. He is a young man of good character, great energy and unswerving purposes to win. He carries into his business the elements of learning and industry, which must necessarily succeed, and subscribe for him a leading place in his chosen calling. The stock has recently been moved into the handsome brick business room constructed by Mathias Wannemacher in 1895, and here can be found a choice stock of drugs, as well as one of the ablest and most satisfactory dispensers in the county.

WILLIAM GASSER.

Occupying an exalted position in the business progression of southwestern Putnam county and indebted to his own energies for this position, the subject of this sketch is worthy of prominent notice.

He was born December 23, 1859, in Tyrol, Austria, and is the son of Ferdinand and Rosa Gasser. He attended school at his native place until fourteen years of age, when he began learning the carpenter trade, and continued working at that trade until 1881, when he decided to risk his fortune in the New World, and on September 24th of that year he landed in New York and proceeded at once to Ottoville, Putnam county, Ohio.

He purchased a farm of fifty-five acres in Monterey township and was engaged in farming this place until 1887, when he sold it to his brother and purchased a large farm in Jackson township, in the same county, in the management of which he spent the next two years, and then sold out. Forming a partnership with Frank Gmeiner they purchased the Ottoville planing mill and lumber yard, in which business he has since been engaged.

The reputation of the firm of Gmeiner & Gasser is so great as to demand but little mention here. They have an extensive plant, carry a large stock of lumber and building material and are well equipped for furnishing any order on short notice. They employ fifteen men and do general contracting and building. They are wholly responsible, largely enterprising and wonderfully progressive.

Mr. Gasser was married October 25, 1887, to Miss Theresia Gruber, daughter of Joseph and Mary Gruber, highly respected farmers of Jackson township, Van Wert county, Ohio. They have six children—Joseph F., born October 15, 1888; Theresia

E., October 15, 1889; Rosa M., November 25, 1890; Mary, August 31, 1892; William F., November 17, 1893; Victoria S., February 6, 1895.

He is held high in the confidence and esteem of his neighbors, which fact is proven by the responsible positions of public trusts he holds. He has served as a member of the Ottoville council since the incorporation of the town in 1890, has been treasurer of Monterey township since 1893, and is first assistant foreman of the village fire department.

ST. MARY'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH.

The congregation who now worship in the magnificent edifice represented by the accompanying illustration, was organized in 1846 by Rev. John Otto Berdeck, at that time resident pastor of Delphos, Ohio. At the time of its organization the congregation consisted of ten families, scattered on small cleared oases within a dense forest swamp. In the year mentioned Rev. Berdeck purchased forty acres on the banks of the Little Auglaize river in Monterey township, now forming a part of the town site of Ottoville, and gave it to the congregation as the property of the church.

Rev. Berdeck held services once a month in the home of Joseph Fournier until 1858, when he was succeeded by Rev. Westerholt, who continued his ministry until 1860. During the time he secured the erection of a frame church forty feet wide and eighty feet long, at Ottoville, at a cost of $3,000. The church was built near the present site of the new church, by Frederick Heitz, contractor, of Delphos.

In 1861 Rev. Westerholt was succeeded by Rev. Geobles, who continued his ministry until 1864, when he was succeeded by Rev. Abel, who was the first resident pastor of Ottoville, and who in 1865 constructed the present parsonage at a cost of $700, Barney Helmkamp, contractor.

Rev. Abel was succeeded in 1866 by Rev. Dominick H. Best, who in turn was succeeded in 1868 by Rev. Michael Mueller, who has continued as pastor to the present time. During the long term of twenty-eight years he has served this congregation as pastor, and discharged his duties as such in an exemplary and laudable manner, and no congregation in Northwestern Ohio has developed a higher stage of progression than has the St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Church under the able administration of this man. Rev. Mueller has beheld his congregation grow to two hundred and fifty families, with one thousand communicants, which marvelous growth created a necessity for the erection of a more commodious house of worship, and in 1885 the great task was begun.

In that year plans for the present church were drawn by A. Drueding, architect, of Chicago. The building was contracted to Frederick Heitz, of Delphos, who died before its completion, and a new contract was let to Anthony DeCurtis, of Cottagena, Ohio, who completed the construction, the corner-stone being laid June 20, 1885.

This great and beautiful structure is one of the most imposing and substantial church edifices in the State. It is 175 feet long, 78 feet wide, built in gothic style with two massive steeples rising 180 feet high. Its exterior presents the appearance of modern architectures' highest attainments and its interior is an emblem of beauty. The great ceiling is supported by two rows of massive columns nearly fifty feet in length, frescoed and decorated to the most factidious taste The highest part of the room is sixty feet, and it has a seating capacity of nearly one thousand people. The construction cost over $50,000.

Rev. Michael Mueller, Charles Wannemacher, Wilhelm Rekart, John Kalt and G. H. Otto formed the building committee, and the church was dedicated September 30, 1888, by Richard Gilmour, bishop of Cleveland. No grander monument to the thrift and progress of a sturdy people has been planted on American soil under like circumstances.

ST. MARY'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH.

FRANK GMEINER.

No man in the active business circles of Southwestern Putnam county holds a higher place in the confidence of his fellowmen than does the subject of this sketch, and no man has spent a more honorable or busy life in working himself up to this position.

Frank Gmeiner was born at Tyrol, Austria, December 3, 1853, and is the son of George and Mary A. Gmeiner, who emigrated to this country when Frank was six years old, settling in 1860 near Fremont, Ohio, on a farm. Shortly afterwards the elder Gmeiner enlisted in the Union army and served as a soldier until 1864, when he returned home, sold his farm near Fremont, and moved to Monterey township, Putnam county, settling on a farm in Section 11—then all in the woods. Frank Gmeiner had attended school and assisted in improving his father's farm at Fremont; his work on the Putnam county farm was identical with this, and he continued it until 1867, when he returned to Sandusky county and worked on a farm until 1870, when he returned home and assisted his father two years, at the end of which time he went to Fremont and worked for a contractor and builder until 1875. In this year his parents both died, and by request of his father he was called home and assumed the responsibility of managing the farm and rearing the family to ages of self support. At this time his eldest sister was only fourteen years of age, but assumed the duties of the household in such a womanly manner as to elicit the highest eulogy, and at the end of five years, through the efforts of Frank and his sister, the brothers and sisters had been educated, and at this time they mutually divided the estate and separated.

For the next three years Frank was engaged in farming and threshing, and then, in 1883, in partnership with J. J. Miller and A. Kehres, he engaged in the manufacture of tile at Ottoville. This partnership was continued until 1889, when he sold out, and forming a partnership with William Gasser, purchased the Ottoville planing mill and lumber yard, which he has since been conducting on the highest plane of business success. They have an extensive and perfectly equipped plant, and carry a large stock of lumber and building material. They also do an extensive contract work in this line, are wholly reliable, and their work is attended with the greatest satisfaction.

He was married June 7, 1893, to Miss Mary Mallifsky, of Ottoville. As a citizen he is held in the highest esteem, and has scarcely ever been free from public trust. In 1875 he was elected Justice of the Peace—when only twenty-two years of age—and filled the office for six years with universal satisfaction. He has since filled the offices of Road Supervisor and School Director, and has been chosen administrator of a large number of estates. He is now a Notary Public.

REV. MICHAEL MUELLER.

The personage represented by the accompanying portrait is entitled to a high place in the ministerial realm of Northwestern Ohio, not alone for his worthy performance of his extensive pastorial duties, but as well for the extraordinary progress his congregation has made under his administration.

He was born January 21, 1833, in the kingdom of Bavaria, Germany, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Frey) Mueller. During his boyhood he received a good common school education in his native country, and in 1852 embarked for America, landing in New York on July 5th of that year. He came to Ohio at once and taught school in Huron, Washington, and Crawford counties for four years, and then entered St. Mary's Seminary at Cleveland, remaining there six years as a student. He then attended, for one year, at the noted St. Vincent Seminary, in West Moorland county, Pennsylvania, going from there to Assumption College at Windsor, Canada, where he remained one year, finishing his education by a course of philosophy at St. Benedict's College and a course of theology at St. Mary's Seminary, Cleveland, Ohio.

On June 25, 1865, he was ordained priest and assigned to a congregation at Rockford, Ohio, and ministered to that charge two and one-half years, and on March 15, 1868, received the appointment as pastor at Ottoville. He has served in this capacity since that date, and during these years has given to the world a triumphant example of christian duty. As will be noted in the

history of the St. Mary's Immaculate church, of Ottoville, he was the great factor in planning, promoting and constructing this model church, and it will ever stand as a monument to his untiring energy and perseverence.

REV. MICHAEL MUELLER

Rev. Mueller is a finished scholar, a good citizen, an untiring and devoted pastor, and has gained and retained the esteem of all who have formed his acquaintance.

WILLIAM SCHLAGBAUM.

The subject of this sketch may truly be placed among the foremost and most progressive farmers of Putnam county. He was born in Monterey township, this county, July 17, 1863, and is a son of George and Dorotha (Hill) Schlagbaum. The former

RESIDENCE OF WILLIAM SCHLAGBAUM.

was born at Ibbenburen, Prussia, in 1820, and came to America in 1844, and secured employment in a coal mine at Wheeling, West Virginia; the latter was born at Hanover, Germany, in 1828, and came to America in 1844, locating at Cincinnati, O., where she continued to live until her marriage with George Schlagbaum, which occurred on May 14, 1848. For two years after their marriage they lived in Cincinnati, during which time Mr. Schlagbaum was an employe of the *Enquirer* office.

In 1850 they moved to Delphos, Ohio, where they lived until 1854, when in the fall of that year they moved to Ottoville, locating on the eighty acre farm just east of town, which has been in their possession since then and which is known as the homestead. This place was then a wilderness, and its very successful clearing and improvement places the names of George and Dorotha Schlagbaum among our most energetic pioneers.

To the union of George Schlagbaum and Dorotha Hill have been born ten children—Bernard, February 26, 1849; Henry, January 27, 1852, died April 17, 1873; William, November 20, 1853, died December 4, 1853; Louisa, August 24, 1855; Mary, October 4, 1857; John, September 12, 1859, died April 5, 1873; Thrase, January 19, 1862, died October 4, 1862; William, July 17, 1863; Anna, September 26, 1866; Elizabeth, June 17, 1869, died June 3, 1873.

William Schlagbaum is the youngest son of two of Putnam county's most honorable pioneer citizens, and comes of that thrifty old German Catholic stock which constitutes many prosperous communities in this State. He was born on the beautiful farm he now owns and successfully cultivates and lived with his parents on the farm until ten years of age when they moved to Ottoville, and his eldest brother, Bernard, rented the farm for a period of eight years during which time William remained on the farm and worked for him.

Between the age of seven and twelve years he secured a common school education in the schools of Monterey township. At the expiration of the eight years rental period of the farm the parents decided to remove to the farm, and the services of William were retained to assist in the management of the place. From that time but few young men of Putnam county have shown as great energy and spirit of progression. He has cleared and fenced and ditched until the broad, rich fields of the Schlagbaum homestead farm are among the most beautiful, best cultivated and most productive lands of the county.

In the spring of 1886 a barn 40x70 feet was erected on the place, and in 1890 he constructed one of the handsomest farm residences in southwestern Putnam county, a cut of which we publish. In 1886 George Schlagbaum died and the sole management of the place was left to William, who purchased, in 1892, twenty four acres of land adjoining the old place and has placed that under first class improvements.

On may 21, 1895, he was married to Louisa Kehres, daughter of August Kehres, of Monterey township. On June 11, 1895, his mother died and the old home is now owned by the young man whose energy and untiring industry have made it one of the most beautiful and productive farms in the county.

Mr. Schlagbaum subscribes to the creed of the Catholic church, as did his parents, and is a leading member in the prosperous congregation at Ottoville.

FERDINAND F. VINCKE.

In Gretesch, Hanover, Germany, was born, May 22, 1851, an individual who was destined to become one of Putnam county's leading merchants. It was Ferdinand F. Vincke, now of Ottoville, Ohio.

He attended school at his native place until fourteen years of age when he engaged in farming, which he continued until twenty years of age. He then entered the German army and served two years in an infantry corps, after which he continued

BUSINESS BLOCK OF F. F. VINCKE

farming three years, and then, in 1879, he turned to the New World as a more fitting field to develop the energies of a progressive young man, and landed at Baltimore, August 28th of that year. The objective point of his journey was Ottoville, O., and he proceeded at once from Baltimore to this place, stopping a few days at Cincinnati and Delphos, and reaching Ottoville September 22, 1875.

He immediately entered the service of G. H. Otto as a farm hand and continued in his employ three years, at the end of which time, in 1879, he formed a partnership with Max Winkelman, of Ottoville, and by the assistance of the latter gentleman's mother they purchased the general store of G. H. Otto in Ottoville, and continued to conduct the same in this manner until the death of Mr. Winkleman's mother in 1891, when Mr. Winkleman purchased his mother's interest and the business was continued under the old firm name of Winkleman & Vincke until August 15, 1895, on which date Mr. Vincke purchased the entire stock and changed the firm name to F. F. Vincke.

He was married November 5, 1878, to Miss Mary Schlagbaum, of Ottoville, and their family consists of seven children—Joseph G., born August 9, 1879; Frank B., April 7, 1881; William F., July 23, 1883; Anna M., November 10, 1885; George G., March 15, 1888, died August 15, 1888; George J., February 17, 1892; Ferdinand N., October 28, 1893.

J. J. MILLER.

The prosperous village of Ottoville is represented by no more able business man or more reputable business than can be found in the person and occupation of J. J. Miller. He was born April 14, 1854, at Fremont, Sandusky county, Ohio, and is the son of John and Johanna Miller, highly esteemed farmers of Monterey. He attended school at his native place until nine years of age, when his parents moved to Monterey township, Putnam county, and he attended school at Delphos, Ohio, until fourteen years of age, after which time he worked on his father's farm until twenty one years of age, when he traveled through the west for one year and then returned to Ottoville and engaged in operating his father's farm for the three years ensuing.

He was married August 28, 1879, to Miss Margarette Laner, of Ottoville, and they now have a happy family of six children: Elizabeth, born August 2, 1880; Alexander, September 21, 1881; Mary, August 2, 1883; Edward, July 31, 1885; Katie, August 2, 1888; Maggie, May 5, 1890.

After his marriage he continued farming until 1882, when, in

partnership with Frank Gmeiner and Andrew Kehres, he engrged in the manufacture of tile under the firm name of Frank Gmeiner & Co. He remained in this position until 1890, when he sold his interest and purchased the Beckman Hotel, at Ottoville, and was proprietor of this well known house until 1892 when he engaged in the general mercantile business, and since

BUSINESS ROOM OF J. J. MILLER.

that date no merchant of the county has shown more marked ability or enjoyed greater success. His handsome and spacious business room is filled with an immense stock of choice dry goods, boots and shoes, hats, caps, clothing and notions, and the busy proprietor finds himself in possession of the highest confidence and most liberal patronage. He is ably assisted by Mr. Joseph Otte, of Ottoville. In 1893 he was appointed postmaster of Ottoville.

REV. JOHN OTTO BREDEICK.

Father John Otto Bredeick, a native of Westphalia, was born at Verl, January 23, 1789. After the collegiate and theological course of studies he was ordained at Osnabrueck, Hanover, in 1822.

For twenty-two years he held various ecclesiastical positions in his native country, notably that of the Cathedral Chapter at Osnabrueck. On August 15, 1844, with a view to devoting

REV. JOHN OTTO BREDEICK.

himself to the American mission, he left his native country for America, landing in New York September 15th of that year, and came to Northwestern Ohio, October 17th, and on November 1st following landed at Section Ten, where he established the town of Delphos, Ohio. Here he built a log church, and in 1846 began the erection of a larger church, which served that congregation until the present church was erected in 1879.

In 1850 Father Bredeick took the first step to organize a church at Ottoville, Ohio. Here he found b... six families; these he called together at the house of Mr. Fournier and said mass for them in a small room. Later he purchased forty acres of land for church purposes, paid for it himself, and laid it out into lots, selecting one suitable for a church, and sold those remaining, devoting the proceeds toward the erection of a church. The town was named Ottoville in honor of this worthy Father and benefactor.

On August 19, 1858, Father Bredeick departed this life, in his seventieth year. His remains were interred in the Delphos Catholic cemetery, where a suitable monument was erected to his memory.

ANDREW KEHRES.

The hotel interests of Putnam county furnishes no more able or popular landlord than the subject of this sketch. Andrew Kehres was born at Bloomville, Seneca county, Ohio, November 30, 1853, and is a son of Sebastian and Barbara Kehres.

When one year old his parents moved to New Reigel, in the same county, and at this place he attended school until 1860, when he moved with his parents to Jackson township, Putnam county, Ohio, settling on a farm one mile east of Ottoville. He attended country school until 1865, and then worked continuously on his father's farm until twenty-one years of age when he went to Tiffin, Ohio, and worked in a warehouse three years, at the end of which time he returned to Putnam county and engaged in farming and threshing until the spring of 1881.

He was married May 3, 1881, to Miss Mary A. Miller, of Ottoville, daughter of John D. and Johanna Miller, well known and highly esteemed residents of Monterey township. To this union have been born eight children—Regina L., March 12, 1882; Elizabeth J., September 16, 1883; Barbara J., August 1, 1885, died March 27, 1886; Barbara, K., July 28, 1888, died in 1891; Clara B., August 9, 1890; Amelia R., August 10, 1892; Ada A., October 3, 1894.

After his marriage he lived on a farm and followed threshing until 1883, when, in partnership with J. J. Miller and Frank Gmeiner, he engaged in the manufacture of tile under the firm name of Frank Gmeiner & Co. He continued in this firm until the spring of 1888, when he sold out and purchased the store at Douglas, becoming station agent at that place also, and remained

THE BECKMAN HOUSE, OTTOVILLE.

in that position until 1891, when he sold out and moved to Ottoville, where in 1892 he purchased the Beckman Hotel and has since been engaged in the able management of this noted house, the reputation of which has never been greater or more creditable than during his administration.

He is the highly esteemed landlord of the popular and well patronized Beckman hotel, a cut of which appears with this biography.

CHAS. WANNEMACHER & SON.

Under the above firm name is conducted one of Putnam county's greatest mercantile concerns. This famous hardware and implement store was established by Charles Wannemacher in 1880, who sold a one-half interest to his son, Joseph C., in 1887, and since that date the store has been under the manage-

STORE OF WANNEMACHER & SON.

ment of this enterprising young business man, who has so conducted the business as to entitle him to the first rank in his county's business directory, and his store to a leading place among the best mercantile institutions of the county.

He was born at Ottoville, Ohio, December 23, 1861, and is the son of Charles and Fannie Wannemacher. He attended school in his native place until 1877 when he entered the high school of Ottawa, Ohio, where he remained during the years of 1877-78 and then secured a position in the general store of Ramey & Co. He continued in this position two years when he returned to Ottoville and was engaged for the next two years in teaching school and working in the hardware and implement store of his father.

In 1882 he became a steady employee of his father's store and remained in this position until 1887 when he purchased a one-half interest in the store and assumed the management of the business and has conducted it on an enviable plane of success.

The firm of Charles Wannemacher and son handle a large and choice line of hardware, stoves, paints, all kinds of vehicles and farm implements and transacts a business second to none in the county. He was appointed agent for the National Express Co. in November, 1893, and is now holding this position.

In 1895 the firm constructed a handsome new brick business

room which is one of the finest improvements of the town and which they are now occupying. He was married May 8, 1888 to Miss Anna Schneider, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Schneider, of Jackson township, this county, and to them have been born four children: Martin J., born June 24, 1889; Urban F., July 18, 1891; Monilea K, June 21, 1893; Arnold A., December 25, 1895.

He was elected first corporation clerk of Ottoville, August 4, 1890, and has ever since filled this office with great credit.

CHARLES WANNEMACHER.

Mr. Wannemacher was born January 7, 1837, in Rangeningden, Hohenzoller, Hechengen, a province of Prussia. He came to America in 1852 with his parents, who settled at Ottoville in this county, where Mr. Wannemacher has lived ever since except the period from 1853 to 1858, during which time he was at Cincinnati working at his trade as a shoemaker, at which business he worked at Ottoville, after his return from Cincinnati, until 1873, when he was elected County Commissioner of Putnam county, being re-elected in 1876, serving in that capacity altogether six years. In 1880 he went into the hardware business at Ottoville in which he is still engaged.

CHARLES WANNEMACHER.

He was married July 9, 1860, to Miss Fannie Fournier, the only daughter of Joseph Fournier, one of the pioneer German citizens of the county, with whom he lived happily until her death in 1890 at the age of fifty years.

Mr. Wannemacher has especially interested himself in public improvements. As County Commissioner he paid particular attention to the proper drainage of the county, being exceptionally careful in the establishment of the public ditches which came under his jurisdiction as County Commissioner and in supervising their construction and during his occupancy of the office many of the best outlets for the water which formerly prevented the proper cultivation of the richest lands of our county were constructed into and through adjoining counties. Nor did his interest in public improvements cease with his work as Commissioner, for he has laid out several additions to Ottoville and has always been among the foremost men of the county in supporting and aiding the improvements which have so added to the growth and development of the county.

Mr. Wannemacher is a fine example of the pleasant, good natured liberal, yet thrifty, German citizen. A fine specimen of manhood he "carries weight" physically as well as mentally. The writer remembers on one occasion when he, with the Board of County Commissioners, of Putnam county, attended a ditch hearing upon a joint county ditch with the Board of County Commissioners of an adjoining county. The Putnam County Board consisted of Jarvis Postlewaite, William Shaffer and Charles Wannemacher, they three with the writer, weighing in the aggregate one thousand pounds. The board of the other county only averaged 150 pounds each and didn't make much showing with the Putnam County Board.

The number of minor offices in the township and district which Mr. Wannemacher has been selected by his neighbors to fill, give evidence of his popularity and the thorough manner in which he has performed his duties although he had no advantages of an education other than could be obtained in the common schools, show the extent of his natural business capacity.

JOHN BERNARD MERSMAN.

The subject of this sketch was born in Glandort, Ohio, July 24, 1851, where he lived and attended school until twenty years of age when he drifted out into the world to fight life's battles on his own account. He located at Kendallville, Indiana, where he engaged in the lumber business which he continued at that place for twelve years. Selling out in 1883 he moved to Lagrange, Ind., and engaged in the planing mill business and for six years he operated the same with great success.

RESIDENCE OF J. B. MERSMAN.

In 1889 he sold his plant at Lagrange and moved to Ottoville, Ohio, engaging at once in the manufacture of lumber. Scarcely seven years has passed since he located in Ottoville, and yet so great has been his energy that today he is at the head of the largest sawmill business in the county and one of the largest and most reputable in the State, employing continuously eighteen men and manufacturing millions of feet of first class lumber every year.

MERSMAN HOUSE

Mr. Mersman has connected with his mill one of the most complete and best equipped dry kilns in the State. It has a capacity of 20,000 feet and can be so operated as to dry green lumber from the stump in thirty days and prepare it for use equal to two years' drying in stacks. Mr. Mersman guarantees the work of his kiln and challenges superiority in any other method of seasoning lumber. He manufactures all kinds of lumber and his production is sought after by many of the best lumber dealers of the northwest. He is a business man of wonderful readiness and capacity, and his energies are visible in many other enterprises.

In 1892 he purchased the Beckman House at Ottoville, which he conducted one year and sold it to A. Kehres and immediately leased the Mersman House in the north part of town and furnished it new throughout, making it one of the leading hotels in the county. He has since operated this very successfully, and the traveling public will find in him a first class landlord and in his hotel first class accommodations. In 1893 he constructed on Church street the most beautiful residence in the town of Ottoville.

As a citizen he is public spirited, progressive and retains the highest confidence of his neighbors after a long series of public trusts and the successful discharge of numerous and responsible public duties. He was elected a member of the Ottoville council at the time the town was incorporated and has been retained in that position ever since, being one of the leaders of the body and one of the chief promoters of the numerous public improvements in one of the most substantial villages of the state. He was elected a member of the Ottoville school board in 1884 and has been largely instrumental in securing for Ottoville the splendid new school house just completed at a cost of $8,000. He is clerk of the board.

In 1871 he was married at Ft. Wayne, Ind., by Rev. Koenig,

of St. Paul's church, of Ft. Wayne, to Miss Mary Magg, of Glandorf, Ohio. To this union have been born five children, two girls and three boys, the daughters both dying in infancy and buried at Avilla, Ind. The elder son Edward, now twenty-two years old, is superintendent at his father's mills and he is

J. B. MERSMAN.

ably assisted in his work by his two younger brothers, Walter, aged nineteen years and Albert, fourteen.

John Bernard Mersman may justly be placed in the leading ranks of Putnam county's most successful and progressive business men and the illustrations which we here present of his business and improvements will commend this assertion.

SAW MILL OF J. B. MERSMAN.

VIEW OF STREET PARADE AT THE GERMAN PIONEER MEETING OF 1894, AT OTTOVILLE.

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KALIDA & NAPOLEON ROAD.
PLUM CREEK
FENGER ROAD
KALIDA & OTTAWA ROAD.
COLUMBUS GROVE ROAD.
KALIDA & OTTOVILLE ROAD.
OTTAWA RIVER
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PLUM ST.
FRONT ST.
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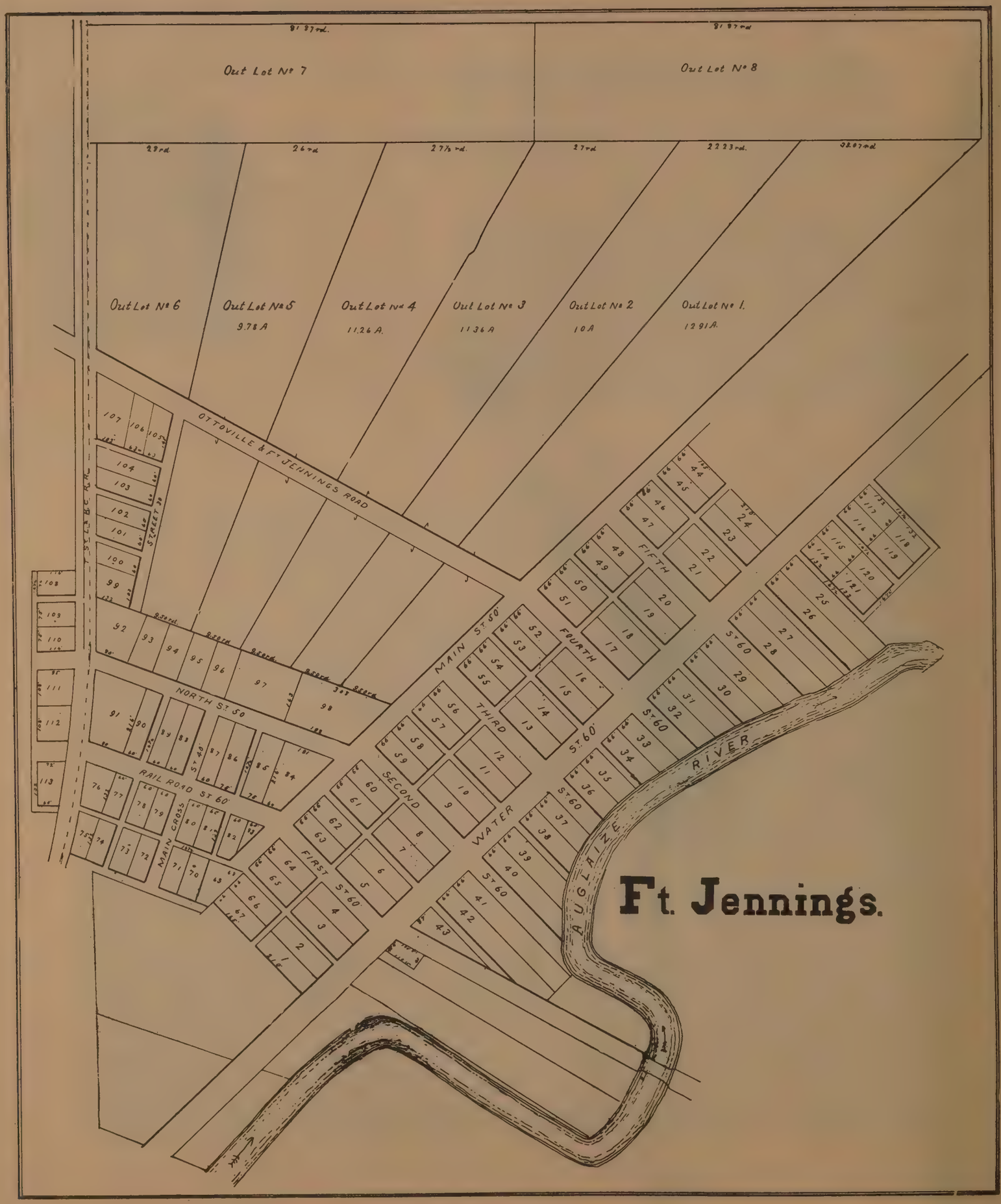
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OTTOVILLE & FT JENNINGS ROAD
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WATER
ST 60
AUGLAIZE RIVER
Ft. Jennings.

Ft. Jennings.

Situated on the west banks of the Auglaize river about nine miles south of the junction of that river with the Blanchard river is the beautiful town of Ft. Jennings.

It was laid out in 1847 for H. J. Boehmer by Lucius E. Hawley, county surveyor, the acknowledgement having been taken by Wm. Scott, a pioneer Justice of the Peace of Putnam county.

The town was resurveyed some years later under the direction of Mr. Boehmer when some slight changes were made, but this survey does not appear on record, or the records were destroyed by fire and have never been restored. In 1878 Amos Boehmer laid out an addition to the town on the east side of the Clover Leaf railway, the survey being made by George Skinner, surveyor, and in 1883 Amos Boehmer laid out his second addition including all of that part of town lying west of the railroad. The survey was also made by Mr. Skinner John Allemire laid out an addition in 1894 which included lots 114 to 121 inclusive, John Cowen surveyor. The town is located in Sec. 33 and 34 in Jennings township. The land was purchased in 1845 by Henry J. Boehmer and Frederick Wellman, who built the first house in the town which is still standing on lot No. 1 in the south part of town.

The house was built, as near as can be ascertained, in the year 1845 and later in the same year Ferdinand Vondesembse constructed a residence. Two religious denominations create the religion of the community: the Catholic and Lutheran.

The former constructed the first church in the place in 1842, Mr. Boehmer having donated the ground on which it was built. The Lutheran congregation was organized in 1848 by Rev. Wm. Fuhrman, father in-law of Ralph E. Spencer, of Kalida, and the present church was built in 1861.

The streets of the town are sewered and piked and her people have the advantage of a complete water works system. The Clover Leaf Railroad was built through the town in 1876.

Ft. Jennings has one of the oldest and most reputable general stores in the county, it being founded in 1852 by Christian Raabe and is now conducted by his two sons, Charles C. and John C. Raabe, and the largest music store in the county, that of Peter Kramer.

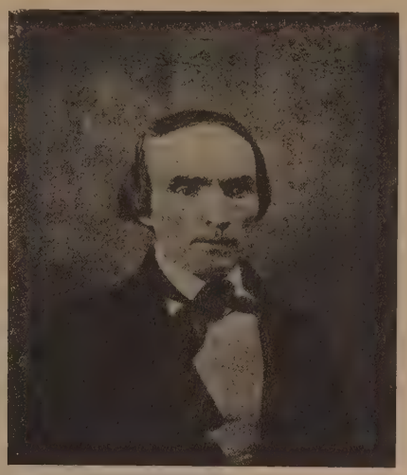
There is a saw mill, two hotels, a good elevator, a tile mill, stores representing all the different lines of merchandise and about four hundred busy people. The new Catholic church, one of the leading religious edifices in the county, was built in 1884 at a cost of $21,000.

The town was incorporated in 1881 and now surrounded by the most productive lands, tilled by most energetic and prosperous farmers, she enjoys a proud place in our most progressive municipalities.

HON. H. J. BOEHMER.

Mr. Boehmer was born on the 17th day of November, 1807, in the City of Vechta, in the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg, Germany. While yet a boy, and after having served some time as a clerk in the office of a Justice of the Peace, he attended the Normal School at Minster, in Westphalia, for the purpose of becoming a teacher. His principal professor at Minster was the celebrated Bernhard Overberg. After graduating with distinction he was employed as teacher in the town of Steinfeld until the year 1832, when he emigrated to the United States and landed in Baltimore, and in the same year located at Ft. Jennings, Putnam county, Ohio—then only known as an old military station on the Auglaize river. He then went back to a town in Auglaize county called Minster, where he taught school till about the year 1836, when he was married and came back to Ft. Jennings and permanently settled there. He then commenced to improve the land which he had previously entered at Ft. Jennings and devoted himself to agriculture, and in connection with it, started a country store, trading with the Indians, who were still there, taking in exchange for his goods the fur and deer hides which the Indians would bring in.

He served as County Commissioner from 1842 to 1851, and as Justice of the Peace in Jennings township for twenty-four years. In the year 1850 he laid out what is now known as the village of Ft. Jennings. In the year 1855 the people of the counties of



HON. H. J. BOEHMER.

Putnam and Henry elected him to represent them in the House of Representatives during the years 1856-7. In 1860 his party gave him the nomination for the Senate, in his district, but he suffered the fate of his party at the election, and was defeated. He was again returned to the House of Representatives and served during the session of 1864-5, and was again re elected in the fall of 1867 to serve for two years. In November, 1868, he was called to Columbus to a special session of the Legislature, and while there took sick. He came home, and died on the 5th day of December, 1868.

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HON. AMOS BOEHMER.

Mr. Boehmer is a native of Putnam county, having been born at Ft. Jennings in this county in 1838. He is the son of Hon. H. J. Boehmer, one of the most prominent of the pioneer German citizens of the county, and who for four years represented the district composed of Paulding and Putnam counties in the Ohio House of Representatives.

HON. AMOS BOEHMER.

Mr. Boehmer's early days were spent upon a farm. He commenced his education in the common schools, but continued his studies in the schools of Findlay and Cincinnati. After he was eighteen years old he, for a short time, attended St. Xaviers College at Cincinnati.

Mr. Boehmer was admitted to the bar about 1862, and practiced his profession in the courts of Putnam, Allen and Van Wert counties, all of which, cornering near Ft. Jennings, where he resided, gave him clients in each of those counties. In 1866 Mr. Boehmer was married to Miss Mary Kleekamp.

Assisting his father in his large and complicated business interests, practicing law and filling many positions of trust, both public and private, Mr. Boehmer's has been a busy and useful life, useful not only to himself and his family, but to the community.

In 1884 he was selected by the people of this county to represent them in the State Legislature, and served in the House of Representatives of Ohio for two terms, extending from 1885 to 1889, where he was, though not noted for much speaking, one of the most useful and influential working members of that body.

THE FT. JENNINGS ELEVATOR.

The accompanying illustration represents the working place of an individual who forms an important figure in the business of Western Putnam county. The elevator was constructed in

FT. JENNINGS ELEVATOR

1881 by C. F. Raabe and William Suever, but four years later Mr. Raabe purchasd the interest of Mr. Suever and conducted

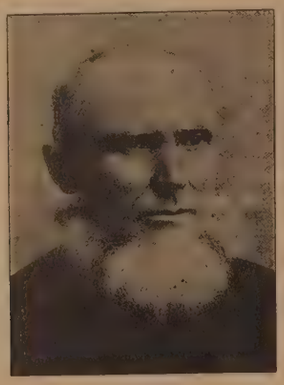
the business until 1887, when he sold out to his sons, Arnold H. and John C., and the business has since been conducted under the firm name of Raabe Brothers, but is now entirely under the management of Arnold H. Raabe.

This gentleman is the second son of Christian and Arnolde Raabe and was born at Fort Jennings December 16, 1861. He attended school at his native place until 1879, when he entered the employ of his father in the famous general store which formed the subject of the preceding article. Here he remained until 1892, when he engaged in business for himself. On June 11, 1889, he was united in marriage to Louisa Kimmerle, of Jackson township, this county. To this union have been born two children: Olga A., February 14, 1892, and Frederick C., April 7, 1894.

His elevator ships about two hundred carloads of grain per year, and its busy proprietor holds the confidence of a large list of patrons and represents an important branch of business most worthily.

CHRISTIAN RAABE.

Christian Raabe was born in the German Empire, July 28, 1831. His parents, Conrad and Eva Elizabeth (Stemler) Raabe, settled in Putnam county in 1833, and died in 1851 and 1854, respectively. His wife, Arnolde, daughter of Cornelius and Arnolde (Haverhals) Kortier, was born in Holland, November 2, 1837. Her parents came to this county in 1848.



CHRISTIAN RAABE.

Mr. and Mrs. Raabe were married at Ft. Jennings, November 19, 1856. To this union were born, Christian F., December 17, 1858, died April 7, 1893; Arnold Henry, December 16, 1861; John Conrad, November 7, 1864; Charles Cornelius, August 18, 1868; Catharine Arnolde, November 27, 1872; Emilie Johanna, May 30, 1874, died October 30, 1875; Rudolph, June 6, 1877, and Amelia Matilda, February 27, 1880

He has served as Township Treasurer seven years, Justice of the Peace six years, Coroner four years, and Assessor from 1855 to 1857.

C. RAABE & SONS.

On the northwest corner of Water and Second streets in the village of Ft. Jennings, is conducted one of the oldest, most famous and most reputable general stores in Putnam county. It was founded in 1852, forty-four years ago, by Christian Raabe, who has long since become one of the foremost citizens of his county. The business was conducted by him until 1889, when he sold an interest to his son, John C., and under the firm name of C. Raabe & Son the business was conducted until October 1, 1892, when Charles C. Raabe, brother to John C., purchased his father's interest, and at this writing these two able young business men find themselves the proprietors of the great store which was formed by their father so long ago and which has never varied from the highest plane of business standing. Its established rule of business progression has never wavered, and throughout its long existence its proprietors have exceeded even the rapid progress of the fertile country of which it is the most noted mercantile figure.

JOHN C. RAABE.

John C. Raabe was born at Ft. Jennings, Ohio, November 7, 1864. He is the third son of Christian and Arnolde Raabe and has inherited the energy and business qualifications so marked in the life of his parents. He attended school at his native town until 1879, at which time he entered the Lebanon Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, where he remained until 1880, afterwards attending the business department of the Normal School at Valparaiso, Ind.

BUSINESS ROOM OF C. RAABE & SONS.

Upon leaving school in 1882 he entered the employ of his father in his store at Ft. Jennings, where he remained two years, and in July, 1885, he entered the United States mail service, working on the Clover Leaf railroad one and a half years between Toledo and Delphos, Ohio, and two years on the Wabash between Toledo and St. Louis. On December 24, 1888, he resigned this position and purchased an interest in his father's store, remaining in this partnership until October 1, 1892, when he formed a partnership with his brother, Charles C., and purchased the entire store.

The business reputation of Christian Raabe will not deteriorate while the store, where he made it, is in the hands of his sons.

John C. Raabe was married April 29, 1889, to Miss Fredaricka Kimmerle, of Jackson township, this county. They have one child, Aaron Carlisle, born April 1, 1892.

CHARLES C. RAABE.

Our subject was born at Ft. Jennings, Ohio, August 18, 1868, and is the fourth son of Christian and Arnolde Raabe. He attended school at his native town until 1890, when he entered the Normal School at Middlepoint, Ohio, where he remained until 1892 and then entered a business college at Lexington, Ky., from which he graduated, and on returning to his native place engaged in the insurance business which he followed until 1893, when he formed a partnership with his brother, John C., and purchased the famous store of his father, and has since contributed his part toward maintaining the long continued honor and reputation of this store.

He is a young man of great energy, of unceasing diligence, and has carried into business an indomitable will to succeed and to perpetuate the name of Raabe in the leading line of Putnam county's merchants.

He was married October 11, 1892, to Miss Elida H. Jamison, who was born August 24, 1873. As a result of this union three children have been born—Florence A., May 11, 1893; Edith C., September 12, 1894; Elmer, January 15, 1896.

Such are the characters of the men into whose hands has fallen one of the oldest and most reputable mercantile concerns of Putnam county

JOHN COWAN.

John Cowan was born March 18, 1861, in Marion township, Allen county, Ohio. His father was Moses C. Cowan, who served in Co. F, 118th O. V. I. His mother was Watrena (Kortier) Cowan, who came from Holland when but eight years old. John is one of nine children, of whom only three survive. He was left an orphan at the age of twelve, and after the death of his parent, which occurred in 1874, he was taken to Jennings township, Putnam county, and there worked on a farm until the age of twenty years. In 1882 he attended the Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, and while there fitted himself for the vocation of teacher, and subsequently taught eleven years in the schools of Jennings township. In 1884 he was appointed guard at the Ohio penitentiary and served two years, he being the youngest guard then in that institution.

JOHN COWAN

He took a course in surveying and civil engineering at Lebanon, Ohio, and has done considerable surveying and township ditch engineering in his vicinity.

He was married August 15, 1889, to Jennie Dunlap. Four children bless their union—Trena M., Chloe J., Ray M. and Grace C. He has served two terms as Assessor, one as Supervisor and one as Justice of the Peace. At the primary election in the spring of 1895 he was nominated for County Recorder on the Democratic ticket, and in the following November was elected almost without opposition.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.

In the center of the prosperous and beautiful village of Ft. Jennings stands one of the most imposing church edifices in the county. The denomination who built it is Catholic and was organized in 1832 by Rev Father Horstman, of Glandorf, Ohio, and consisted of four families, of which H. J. Boehmer was the leading spirit.

Rev. Horstman visited the congregation occasionally until 1840, when the growth of the congregation had been so rapid as to necessitate the construction of a church and employ the services of a resident pastor. Prior to 1840 services were held in a log house, in the construction of which the Catholics and Protestants united. This log building had to serve the double purpose for church and school house, the former to use it for services in the forenoon and the latter in the afternoon.

Owing to the inexhaustable fertility of the lands in this region the sturdy and progressive German farmer emigrated rapidly, and so far had the congregation increased in numbers and wealth that in the year 1845 when Archbishop Purcell visited the place he advised the construction of a more suitable and commodious building, and accordingly in 1846, Rev. G. Boehne succeeded to the pastorage and at once began the promotion of a new church, but owing to the conditions which exist in a new country he was unable to make any progress beyond preparation until six years later.

In 1852 he laid the foundation for a new brick church 40x60 feet, and two years later it was completed and dedicated to St. Joseph, on December 24, 1854, it being then one of the finest church buildings in this section of the State, having cost $2,000, besides the principal part of the work which had been performed gratis by the members of the congregation during the course of construction.

Rev. George Boehne remained pastor of the church his energy and perseverence had built until June, 1860, when he was taken ill and died on September 20th, of the same year, after fourteen years of zealous labor, during which time under his administration he had the satisfaction of knowing that the progress of his congregation was equal to any in our early history.

Rev. Boehne was succeeded by Rev. Westerholt, of Delphos, who had charge until March, 1861, when Rev. Joseph Goebels became pastor, remaining until 1864. During this time he built a steeple on the church and the present pastoral residence.

Rev. Goebels has been succeeded by Rev. E. Haemers, from 1864 to 1866; Rev. C. Viere, from 1866 to 1867; Rev. M. Mueller, of Ottoville, from 1867 to 1870; Rev. L. Zumbuehl, from 1870 to 1872; Rev. Mueller again from July, 1872, to September, 1873; Rev. Charles Barbier, from September, 1873, until his death, August 23, 1876, when Rev. J. A. Michenfelder succeeded him and continued his services until May 10, 1879, when Rev. George Peter became pastor and remained until May 31, 1881, when he was succeeded by Rev. James Heidegger, under whose administration the handsome new church, which forms the illustration in this article, was constructed.

The foundation for this church was completed in the fall of 1832, and on May 27, 1833, the corner stone was laid, and one year later, in the same month, the church was dedicated by the Rt. Rev. R. Gilmour, of Cleveland, to St. Joseph, and it is a lasting emblem of the thrift, progress and magnanimity of the community. Rev. Heidegger continued his pastorage until November 1, 1888, when he was succeeded by Rev. Charles Braschler, who is the present pastor.

Rev. Braschler was born November 2, 1843, at Lachen, Canton, Switzerland. He was educated in the Benedictine College, of Maria Einsiedlen, Fribourg Chitzerlade, Milan, Italy, and Cleveland, Ohio. He was ordained priest July 17, 1870, at Cleveland, Ohio, and received appointments at Edgerton, Bryan, Florence, Stryker, Warren and Archbald, Ohio, and in 1873 was appointed to the Upper Sandusky charge and remained pastor of that place until November 1, 1888, when he came to Ft. Jennings. His services here are of the highest order and have marked an era of progress in the congregation.

The school advantages have been facilitated, the church and its surroundings have been beautified, an addition to the cemetery was laid out on October 8, 1895, a large crucifix covered with Baldachin and solemnly blessed and dedicated, and the church has grown until now within its folds are about one hundred and thirty prosperous families.

The new church building is one of the most beautiful and substantial in the county. A. Druiding, architect, of Chicago, is the author of its plans, and its building, at a cost of $21,000, is one of the greatest triumphs of the county's progress.

Rimer.

(ROXBURGH.)

This town is situated in Section Seven of Sugar Creek township, Putnam county, Ohio, on the P. A. & W. railroad, and on the east bank of the Ottawa river. It was laid out and platted by James W. Rimer, surveyor, for D. P. Rimer, the proprietor, in 1881. The town was named Roxburgh, but is usually known as Rimer.

OTTAWA RIVER CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

In the year 1860, at the earnest request of W. F. McLane, Elder Enos Foster held a series of religious meetings at the house of W. F. McLane, and on the 20th of January, 1861, Rev. Enos Foster and Rev. D. B. Wilson organized a church, to be called the Ottawa River Christian church, with the following charter members: W. F. McLane, Elizabeth McLane, Martha Clevenger, Ruth Chandler, Susanah Clevenger, Phebe A. Guffy, Anna Evans, and Jane McKinley. By the following February quite a number of other members were added to the church, and they employed Elder Foster as their pastor, and also elected a church clerk. In the year 1862, by the aid of the neighborhood in general, they erected a neat little house of worship on a lot donated to them by John Guffy, near the Guffy cemetery. On the 30th day of November, 1862, the house was dedicated to the service of God by Elders Harvey and Martz, and on December 13th of the same year Jesse C. Darbyshire was chosen its first deacon and remained such until his death—August 14, 1894.

In the year 1863 Elder Martz was chosen pastor, and served the church as such for fourteen years. On May 4, 1867, Henry Funk was chosen as assistant deacon, and held that office until his death, which occurred September 19, 1879. The present deacons are Jacob Deffenbaugh and S. H. Keirns. Since Elder Martz ceased his labors with the church, the following are the names of its pastors: W. C. Rimer, John Galispie, Lewis Gander, G. B. Garner, and its present pastor, Rev. A. Noffsinger, who has been serving the church for about eight years. There are only two of the charter members in the church now—W. F. McLane and his wife—the rest having died or moved away.

In the year 1879 the present church was built. It is 38x56 feet, and will comfortably seat about 450 persons. It is built on the bank of the Ottawa river, on the old church lot. The present secretary is B. F. Seitz, and at this date—January, 1896—the number of members is 208. Since Rev. Noffsinger took charge of the church, as pastor, October 1, 1888, he has received into church fellowship 123 members: of that number 106 still remain.

OTTAWA RIVER CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

MRS. ELIZABETH ROHRER.

Mrs. Rohrer is a daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Hans) Muma, and was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1827. Her husband, Daniel Rohrer, to whom she was married in 1844, in Clark county, Ohio, was born in Maryland in 1822, and died November 19, 1866. He was a son of Christian and Elizabeth (Hoffer) Rohrer. To this union were born Mary E., December 30, 1844; Sarah A., February 27, 1846; Jacob C. and John, twins, May 1, 1848; Daniel W., October 2, 1849; William J., January 8, 1851; Franklin P., February 13, 1853, died September 12, 1874; Samuel, June 20, 1858; Susan C., March 3, 1861; Charles,

RESIDENCE OF MRS. ELIZABETH ROHRER.

April 25, 1863; Emma Jane, May 20, 1865 died August 11, 1879. Samuel Rohrer, brother of Daniel Rohrer was a soldier in the Mexican War.

JOHN A. M'KINLEY.

John A. McKinley was born April 16, 1841, in Putnam county. His father, James McKinley, was one of the early pioneers of the county. Mr. McKinley was married January 16, 1862, to Miss Amanda Deffenbaugh, daughter of John Deffenbaugh. Mrs. McKinley was born April 2, 1842. To this union there was born,

RESIDENCE OF JOHN M'KINLEY.

Frances E., March 2, 1863, died November 10, 1876; Callie L., December 6, 1867, married to I. N. Parker March 6, 1895; John J., December 12, 1869; Edith A. J., October 20, 1871, married to James R. Smith December 19, 1894; William D., December 12, 1873.

Mr. McKinley is one of the successful farmers and stockraisers of the county and has served his township as Land Appraiser, and in other responsible positions of public trust, with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction to the people.

RESIDENCE OF JONATHAN W. POAST.

BENJAMIN F. SEITZ.

The subject of this sketch was born in Union township, Putnam county, Ohio, September 16, 1853. He is a son of David and Lydia (Hufford) Seitz, who came to the county in 1847.

He was united in marriage on August 23, 1877, to Miss Sarah J. Funk, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Clevenger) Funk. To this union was born John D., June 9, 1878; Maud, September 14, 1879; Peter, October 3, 1882; Benjamin, March 30, 1884; David, October 25, 1885; Bessie E., July 28, 1894, died September 19, 1895.

Mr. Seitz resides in Sugar Creek township, is engaged in farming and stock raising and has been an active member of the Putnam county Agricultural Society many years. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of that society several years and its president two years, and was again elected to that office in 1896.

RESIDENCE OF B. F. SEITZ.

Kalida.

In the same act which created the county of Putnam, which was passed January 3, 1834, and is to be found in the 32d volume of Ohio Laws, page 19, there is contained a provision for the appointment of a Town Director, who should proceed to select and survey one hundred and sixty acres of land in section 5, township one south, range 6 east, in Putnam county, and under the direction of the County Commissioners lay out a town thereon, the inlots whereof should not occupy more than sixty acres; that upon receiving a copy of such plat the Governor of Ohio (Section 5 being a part of the canal lands granted by the United States to aid in the construction of the Miami & Erie canal) was requested to execute a deed for the 160 acres to the commissioners of the county, and that the town so laid out should be the county seat of Putnam county.

The Town Director with the Commissioners were to sell the lots for cash or upon credit, as the commissioners should elect, and from the proceeds of the lots, after paying the expenses of surveying, record, platting and selling, to pay to the State the sum of two hundred dollars, the remainder of the proceeds to be paid into the treasury of the county for the use and benefit of the county.

At its first session, May 5, 1834, Abraham Sarber was appointed by the Court of Common Pleas as Town Director, and Thomas Gray, William Priddy and Samuel Myers, County Commissioners, and F. C. Fitch, County Surveyor. The Commissioners and Town Director selected for the county seat the southeast quarter of that section and with the County Surveyor laid out and platted the town as provided in the act of the Legislature, and the town so laid out was named Kalida (The Beautiful) and became the seat of justice of the county. For the first year, by the same act, it was provided that the Court of Common Pleas be held at the house of Abraham Sarber.

On the 16th of February, 1839, Kalida was incorporated by act of Legislature and the Mayor and Council were elected. Four years later the inhabitants seem to have found the burden of corporate powers too heavy for them to bear, for we find that on March 14, 1843, presumably at the instigation of the town itself, the Legislature repealed the act of incorporation, retaining the Council in office for one year "to settle the business of the corporation," and in 1844 the powers of the Council were by act of the Legislature again extended for three years longer, or until 1847, at which time their powers ceased.

The town, although it was the county seat, grew slowly until about 1840, when the increase in the number of settlers in the county and the opening up of many farms attracted to the county seat a number of young and active citizens. By 1850 the population of the county had increased from 250, in 1830, to more than 7,000 inhabitants, and Kalida increased proportionally, gathering into it as a center much of the best brains and business energy of the county, and in 1854, the time when the writer first became well acquainted there, it contained a population far above the average in intelligence and was noted for its social and intellectual progress. Among its citizens were numbered

men who have since taken high standing politically and professionally, as Legislators, judges and soldiers. Among the most prominent names which occur to the writer among the early settlers at Kalida are Judges Metcalf, Morris, Ball, Mackenzie and McClure, Col. Ball, Gen. A. V. Rice, Capts. George McClure, Thomas G. Allen and James Gribben, Major Robert Thrift, Senator C. M. Godfrey and several members of the Legislature, among whom were David I. Brown, W. H. Ball and James Mackenzie. The Lees, the McCrackens, the Sarbers, the Rices, the Spencers, the Parkers, the McClures, and the lamented secretary of our County Pioneer Society, George Skinner, were among the most prominent of the earlier settlers of the town.

In 1836 Guthrie & Sarber built a grist mill on Hog Creek at Kalida, the second and at that time the most important water mill in the county.

The first court house, a temporary frame, was built about 1835, and the second, a brick one, was completed in 1839 or 1840, and was a very imposing structure for the period. A fire in the Recorder's office about 1862 injured and destroyed many of the records, and in the winter of 1864–65 the court house was entirely destroyed by fire, the old defaced record books being entirely destroyed, but the transcribed ones were preserved.

Smaller brick structures for the accommodation of the county offices were immediately built upon the court house grounds, where the business of the county was carried on until in 1866, when the county seat was removed to Ottawa. For a while Kalida seemed to stagnate, but under the impetus given by the construction of the Findlay, Ft. Wayne & Western railroad, which affords an outlet, and the prospective completion of the Columbus, Lima & Milwaukee railroad through it, the town has taken a fresh start and the improvement in its business and appearance is very marked.

This brief summary would be incomplete without mentioning the newspaper, the *Kalida Venture*, among the earliest papers established in Northwestern Ohio. Among its editors were Hon. James Mackenzie and Elam Day. About 1866 the *Venture* was purchased by John Dixon and removed to Ottawa, and its name changed to the *Ottawa Citizen*, but another *Venture*, under the auspices of Milton Gillett, shortly afterward supplied its place.

HON. THOMAS J. HARBAUGH.

Mr. Harbaugh was born in Sandyville, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, in 1839, and came to Putnam county in 1848, at the age of nine years, his home being on a farm about six miles from Ottawa. His earlier years were spent upon the farm, and his opportunities for obtaining an education were such only as were offered by the country schools of that early day.

When the call to arms came in April, 1861, the spirit of his sturdy, patriotic Pennsylvania ancestry led him to volunteer under Captain (now General) A. V. Rice as a private; on the 27th of that month he was appointed Sergeant of Company E, and was mustered into the service as such, serving in that capacity until the company was mustered out August 12, 1861. In October, 1862, he again volunteered for the three years service in Co. G, 81st Ohio Volunteer Infantry under Capt. George W. Overmeyer. He was mustered in as First Sergeant; was in June, 1864, promoted to Q. M. Sergeant, and in August, 1864, to 2nd Lieutenant Co. G, and in February, 1865, to 1st Leiutenant of Co. F, of the same regiment; and, the captain of that company having been detached in the Pioneer Corps, of the Fourth Division Fifteenth Army Corps. Lieutenant Harbaugh had command of his company until the close of the war—being mustered out at Louisville, Ky., on July 13, 1865. In addition to battles at Atlanta, Jonesboro, Lovejoy Station, Savannah, and Bentonville, in which his regiment participated, he led his company through all the hardships and dangers incident to the march to the sea under General Sherman, and participated in the Grand Review at Washington in 1865.

After his return from the war he attended school, fitting himself for the ministry, in which, as minister of the United Brethren church, he has ever since been engaged. He was appointed Pre-

HON. THOMAS J. HARBAUGH.

siding Elder of the Findlay district, and was in 1895 nominated and elected one of the Senators for the 33d Senatorial district of Ohio, which position he now holds.

THOMAS J. WILLIAMS.

Mr. Williams was born June 19, 1830, on a farm called Pentre Parish, of Llandilo Abercowin, Carmarthenshire, South Wales. "After many years of industry and economy, Mr. Williams had so situated himself as to take times easy, and being a man of strong constitution and good habits, bid fair to live many years. But, alas, that dread disease, typhoid fever, fastened its fangs upon his body, and after a brief illness of one week that grim monster, death, claimed it, and his spirit was wafted away on the evening breeze to the God who gave it."

Mr. Williams was elected to the office of County Commissioner in the fall of 1880 and served in that office three years,

THOMAS J. WILLIAMS.

and has served his township in positions of trust at various times.

We here present to our readers a copy of his autobiography, written only a few weeks before his death:

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF THOMAS J. WILLIAMS.

After being a resident of America nearly forty years, I thought it might be interesting to some of my descendants in the future to make a short record of myself and family.

I was born June 19, 1830, on a farm called Pentre Parish, of Llandilo Abercowin, Carmarthenshire, South Wales. My father, John Williams, was born in the same house, in the year 1786, died December 22, 1855, buried in Wales. His father, Thomas, and grandfather, David Williams, were born in the same house. My mother, Sarah, was born near the village of Llanstephan, in the same county, in the year 1788, died August 8, 1869, was buried in the Gomer cemetery, Allen county, Ohio. Her parent's names were William Morgans and Esther Griffiths.

My wife, Esther, was born in Frowen Parish of Clydey, Pembrokeshire, South Wales, April 8, 1825. Her parents, Samuel Thomas, and Mary James, were both born in the year 1790. The former died January 22, 1862, the latter, August 20, 1869; both buried in the Gomer cemetery.

On February 8th, next, after my father's death, my mother and my family, consisting of myself, wife and three children, left the old home for America, boarded the ship Caravan the 18th day of the same month, in Liverpool, and started on the tedious journey over the Atlantic. The ship encountered many severe storms, that made it very disagreeable for the 450 passengers confined and crowded therein.

For several days during the voyage it was too rough to have fire in the galley, to do any cooking. And to add to this unpleasantness, the weather was very cold, frequently snowing raining and sleeting; and no fire whatever to warm even the young children and infants, of whom three were born on the ship. On the first day of March a sailor was blown off a cross-yard to the deck and instantly killed. A few days later a little girl three years old, a passenger, died. Both bodies were deposited in the ocean. So the record during the voyage was three births, two deaths, and one marriage. The parties contracting marriage were from London, England.

On March 25th, late in the day, we espied land, New York and its environments. The news was quickly conveyed to all on board, that caused all to leap for joy; even the thought of being set at liberty on American soil, which was the soul desire of every adult that contemplated making a home for himself and family in Columbia land was gratifying. About dusk anchor was cast in the Hudson and the passengers retired as usual to the old hard bunks, though they seemed to be much softer that night, or at least we imagined so. Nothing unusual occurred during the stillness of that night to molest the sweet repose of the weary and the anxious, until the morning hours, when we were awakened with the congenial songs and voices of the city roosters and dogs. We felt as though we were born again in a new hemisphere, where Deity is Supreme and unto Him all flesh pays reverence. Even the crowing of the historical rooster, and the barking of the canine, from the petted pug to the giant mastiff, issued forth their melody verbatically, as those of their kind did in our native land. Their musical strains at the time echoed in our ears, not as a soliloquy, but as a reverberation to remind us that prayers were answered, and that our lives and comfort had been carefully guarded by Him during the the six weeks voyage over the great deep. About ten o'clock a. m. the next day, being March 27, 1856, a steam tug plowed its way toward our ship When the passengers appeared on deck, and after not a very close examination of persons and goods, were soon conveyed to Castle Garden, being a place to receive and accommodate emigrants, and also to protect them from the ravages of human sharks that abounded in the city. We remained there until midnight, the 29th, when we sailed for Jersey City. From thence we boarded a train and finally arrived at Pittston, Pa., and made that place our home until September, 1857, when we moved to Providence, about two miles from Scranton, Pa. While we lived in those places I followed coal mining. In the meantime I always had a strong desire to go west into a farming community

On the 14th day of November, 1858, I and family took a train at Scranton, Pa., and arrived in Lima, Ohio, on the morning of the 16th. The next day, under some disadvantages, we man-

to get the family and goods into a house on Mr. Isaac Clevenger's farm, near Gomer. Shortly afterwards, I commenced working on a farm for fifty cents a day, the highest wages paid a farm hand at that time. The next spring I hired with the same man at $15 a month for eight months. In about two years, by economy and perseverance, I managed to own a team, and rented land on shares of the above Clevenger.

Thus we made some progress and in April, 1863, we moved on a rented farm 1½ miles north of Vaughnsville, where we lived three years. In 1866 I bought eighty acres for $1600, one mile west of Vaughnsville, and moved on it the 11th day of September of the same year, into a log cabin about eighteen feet square. We lived in it eleven years, and were eleven in family part of the time. There was about ten acres cleared when we moved on it. To us have been born nine children—three girls and six boys—six of whom are still living, are married and have families.

RESIDENCE OF JOHN CLEVENGER, SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP.

JOHN CLEVENGER.

The subject of this sketch, than whom no pioneer of the county deserves more credit for its early improvements, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, in 1815, came to Putnam county

JOHN CLEVENGER.

in 1830 and located near Gomer, Ohio, and in 1837 he was married to Miss Nancy Gander, daughter of John Gander, of Franklin county, who moved to Putnam county in 1838. In the same year of his marriage Mr. Clevenger moved on the land where he now resides, and which he has since converted into a beautiful and productive farm. Through industry and economy he was enabled ten years later to erect a brick residence, a cut of which we present to our readers. Several children were born to them, but the Hand that doeth of all things well saw fit to remove them from their side early in life. P. O. address, Columbus Grove, O.

THOMAS J. CLEVENGER.

The subject of this sketch was born on a farm in Union township, May 15, 1840. He is a son of George and Elizabeth (Sarber) Clevenger, who came to the county in 1830. Reared a farmer's son, he received his education in the old log school house, furnished with shelves along the wall for desks and slabs for seats. Here, with his inherent disposition to help those in need, he taught the writer of this sketch the mysteries of Long Division, while the teacher flourished the ferule.

He was married March 8, 1866, to Miss Elizabeth Seitz, eldest daughter of David and Lydia (Hufford) Seitz, and was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, December 30, 1845. To them were born, Ida Eve, September 2, 1868, wife of Hugh Williams, of Hancock

RESIDENCE OF THOMAS J. CLEVENGER, UNION TOWNSHIP.

county, Ohio; Nancy Irine, May 2, 1869, widow of Lafayette Samsal, of Putnam county, Ohio; Violet Dell, March 4, 1873; Perley T., January 4, 1876, and Daniel S., February 5, 1884.

Mr. Clevenger owns and lives on the south part of the old homestead on which he was born and reared. He was twice elected to the office of Township Trustee, and served as Member of the School Board and Road Supervisor several terms.

KEMP SAMPSAL.

The subject of this sketch was born May 11, 1829, at Canal Winchester, Fairfield county, Ohio, where he lived with his parents, Paul and Elizabeth (McDowell) Sampsal, until he was seventeen, attending school and learning the tailor trade under his father. He then sought employment on the Ohio canal. This vocation he followed three years, serving as captain of a boat one year during this time. He, at the expiration of this time, returned to Canal Winchester, and at the age of twenty-one married Miss Mariah Swayze, daughter of Matthias and Elizabeth Swayze, of Fairfield county, Ohio. Mrs. Sampsal was born December 3, 1828. He remained in that county about one year and then, with his wife, moved to Putnam county, Ohio, and settled on eighty acres of land in section twelve in Union

KEMP SAMPSAL.

township. Here he has ever since lived, and has by industry and economy increased his farm to two hundred and twenty acres.

To them were born, Syreptia J., October 23, 1852; Ellen, September 1, 1858, died August 5, 1860; Elizabeth, November 23, 1864; John, April 11, 1861; Lafayette, August 5, 1868—died March 15, 1894—and Orpha, September 18, 1872.

Mr. Sampsel was elected Infirmary Director of Putnam county in 1882, and re-elected three years later, serving in that office six years in all. He served as Township Trustee of Union township twelve years, as Township Assessor two years, and as School Director and Road Supervisor many years. These offices he filled with honor to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents.

DAVID SEITZ.

The subject of this sketch was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, December 12, 1819. He is the oldest son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Heit) Seitz, of Fairfield county.

About the year 1764, John Seitz, grandfather of Daniel Seitz, came to this country from Germany and settled in York county, Pa. He raised a family of six daughters and three sons—Lewis, John and Andrew. The latter son moved to Virginia, but not liking the institution of slavery, soon moved to Ohio where he raised a large family. His son, Daniel, the father of David Seitz, was born in 1791, and was married to Elizabeth Heit, with whom eight children were born. His second marriage was to Catharine Beery, with whom he raised several children. All of his sons were raised as farmers and all took to that pursuit for a livelihood except the youngest, Enoch Beery, who early became a teacher and a prominent mathematician, having had the honor of being the fifth to be elected a member of the London

Mathematical Society from the United States, as well as being a member of several mathematical and scientific societies of this country.

David Seitz received a somewhat limited education in German and English in the then poorly equipped schools of Central

DAVID SEITZ.

Ohio. On arriving at his majority he learned the carpenter trade, which he followed several years.

Soon after arriving at his majority David Seitz, in company with his father, visited northern Ohio and purchased the land which he and his brother, Samuel, have since converted into beautiful farms.

On October 3, 1844, he was married to Miss Lydia Hufford, of Perry county, Ohio, who was born June 17, 1823. She is a daughter of Daniel and Rebecca Hufford.

In the latter part of September, 1847, they started for their home in the dense forests of Putnam county, traveling in a two horse wagon and arriving at their unfinished log cabin, October 1, 1847. Mr. Seitz during the summer had visited the county, cleared a small tract and "raised" a cabin. Here, over a fire kindled by the side of a sugar stump, Mrs. Seitz prepared their first meal at their new home. With courageous hearts and willing hands they began the battle of life, and the forests and swamps of 1847 have disappeared and 1896 finds a properly drained and fertile farm.

To them were born ten children—Elizabeth, December 30, 1845, married to T. J. Clevenger; Nancy, December 30, 1848,

RESIDENCE OF DAVID SEITZ.

married to S. D. Clevenger, died August 27, 1871; Daniel W., September 16, 1850, married to Josephine R. Cary; Benjamin F., September 16, 1853, married to Sarah J. Funk; Lovina, September 20, 1855, married to Richard T. Evans; Diana, September 21, 1857, married to S. Z. Hiestand, died August 14, 1889; Lydia, January 3, 1860, died August 14, 1860; David and Samuel H., twins, August 28, 1861; David died September 13, 1861, and Samuel H., August 24, 1868; a son who died in infancy was born August 8, 1866.

Mr. Seitz was chosen captain of the Auburn Guards, of Fairfield county, in 1841, and captain of the malitia of Union township, Putnam county, in 1864–65. Soon after coming to the county he was elected Justice of the Peace and served as such two terms, and in 1880 was Land Appraiser for Union township; he was also elected to the office of Township Trustee several times, and to other offices of public trust at numerous times. Politically he is a Democrat, and his religious affiliations are with the Primative or Old School Baptist church.

ELDER SAMUEL SEITZ.

Elder Seitz was born December 14, 1821, in Fairfield county, Ohio. A farmer's son, he was reared and educated on a farm. His education was limited, as the country school advantages in that county at the time were, to say the least, limited, and the farm had to be cleared and the crop of the past season had to be threshed, either by the "flail" or the hoof of the horse. The flax had to be prepared for the loom. Only a few weeks were set aside for educating the youth of central Ohio, at that

ELDER SAMUEL SEITZ.

time, but lessons of industry and economy were taught and learned.

Mr. Seitz came to Putnam county with his elder brother, David, in 1847, and at once commenced to clear and improve the farm on which he now resides. He was married to Mary Clevenger, who was born near Vaughnsville, December 6, 1832. Her father, Samuel Clevenger, was one of the first white settlers of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Seitz have four children: Chloe (Seitz) Loy, Belle (Seitz) Gray, J. Edson, and Nancy. Mr. Seitz served several terms of Justice of the Peace, and is now a minister of the Gospel and moderator of Thompson church, which is located on his farm.

JOHN SEITZ.

The subject of this sketch was born April 19, 1827, in Fairfield county, Ohio, and died March 17, 1885, in Putnam county, Ohio. He was a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Heit) Seitz. He came to Putnam county in 1847, and was united in marriage to Sarah Clevenger, who was born in this county April 18, 1835. She was a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Gander) Clevenger, who came to the county in 1830.

There was born to his union three children—Albert, April 14, 1857, married to Inez O. Gray, who was born November 15, 1864; Susanna, (Seitz) Best, December 29, 1854, married to Jacob Best; Samuel Daniel, November 2, 1864, died March 20, 1873.

Mr. Seitz cleared and improved the beautiful farm now owned by his wife and son, Albert, having erected a handsome brick

JOHN SEITZ.

house and a commodious barn only a few years before he departed this life.

THOMPSON CHURCH

On December 25, 1869, a number of members of the Sugar Creek Old School, or Primitive Baptist church, withdrew their membership from that church by consent, for the purpose of organizing a congregation in Union township, a distance of about seven miles from the Sugar Creek church. This new organiza-

THE THOMPSON CHURCH.

tion was at once effected, with Elder Samuel Seitz as moderator and pastor, and David Seitz, clerk.

Meetings were held in a school house on the farm of Jacob Blosser until 1894, when a church was erected on the farm of Elder Seitz, in Section 15, Union township. Elder Seitz has been continued as moderator and pastor to the present time, and is now assisted by Elder A. F. Dove. This church is connected with the Eagle Creek association of Old School or Primitive Baptist churches.

JOSEPH M'CRATE.

The subject of this sketch was born in Tipperary county, Ireland, March 17, 1836, and is a son of Thomas and Ellen (Casey) McCrate. In 1851, Joseph, in company with two brothers and a sister, came to America, and proceeding at once to Ohio, have made this State their home ever since.

Joseph came to Putnam county in 1859, where he remained until 1861, when on April 26th of that year he enlisted in the Union army as a member of the 21st Ohio, three months' service, and re-enlisted on September 2, 1861, in the 57th O. V. V. I. He went in as a private on the above date and came out, August

25, 1865, after the last gun of rebellion had been fired, 1st Lieutenant. He was actively engaged in twenty battles, among which was Shiloh, Post of Arkansas, Willis Bayou, The siege and charge of Vicksburg, Champion Hill, Jackson, Miss., Mission Ridge, Snake Creek Gap, Resaca, Atlanta, Ga., and Jonesboro. He went with Sherman in his famous march to the sea, and was among the sixty men who crossed Broad Brand

RESIDENCE OF JOSEPH M'CRATE

river in a pontoon boat to drive the rebel pickets from the outposts of Columbia, South Carolina. He was in the charge of Fort McAllister, and participated in the last battle of the war, at Bentonville, North Carolina.

His brother, John, was a member of the 79th O. V. I., and participated in the battles of Perrysville, Ky., and Resaca, Ga., but was wounded at the battle of Lookout Mountain, and as a result was honorably discharged. Dennis Lane, father of Mrs. McCrate, was wounded at the battle of Resaca, Ga., and died

BARN OF JOSEPH M'CRATE.

from the effects of the wounds. Michael O'Brien, brother in-law of Mr McCrate, was killed in the battle of Nashville, 1864.

After the war he located in Kalida, Ohio, and was engaged in the sawmill business two years and then purchased the farm which is now his home, about three miles west of Columbus Grove.

On November 8, 1871, he was united in marriage to Bridget Lane, daughter of Dennis and Mary (Mahoney) Lane, who came to this county in 1858. Mrs. McCrate was born in Butler county, Ohio, June 1, 1851. To this union have been born eight children—Mary E., September 8, 1872; John J., October 24, 1874; William E., August 27, 1876; Catharine O., October 5, 1878; Joseph C., May 15, 1881; Paul G., June 15, 1883; Edward L., July 17, 1886; Mabel R., November 9, 1888.

Mr. McCrate's home farm consists of 340 acres of as well tilled and as highly improved land as the county affords, he having twenty-seven miles of tile draining on this farm. His residence is one of the handsomest in the county, and the capacious barn recently erected is surpassed by none in the county. He also owns a farm of 580 acres in Kansas.

Joseph McCrate is entitled to the leading rank in the list of Putnam county's farmers and citizens. By industry and frugality he has accumulated a comfortable fortune, and through his enterprise and progression his farm is now a pride to the county. No soldier served in the Union army with greater credit. His address is Columbus Grove, Ohio.

GEORGE CLEVENGER.

George Clevenger, a son of Benjamin and Susan Clevenger, was born May 30, 1808, and came to this county in 1830. Soon after coming to the county he was married to Miss Elizabeth Sarber, daughter of Abraham and Catharine Sarber, of Kalida, Putnam county, Ohio. She was born November 21, 1808. To them were born John S., April 21, 1832, deceased; Henry, October 14, 1833, deceased; William, March 19, 1836, deceased; Eli, August 15, 1838; Thomas J., May 15, 1840; Stephen D., June 24, 1842.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE CLEVENGER

Mr. Clevenger and his wife early in the thirties settled in Section 9, Union township. Here, surrounded by dense forests inhabited by wild beasts and the red man, they wrought from early dawn until the last rays of light were obscured by the shades of night to clear their farm and obtain an honest livelihood, and here the early pioneer traveler sought food and shelter beneath their roof and was not turned away hungry or without rest when sought, for the "latch string" of their cabin door was always out alike to friend or stranger.

Comfortably situated Mr. Clevenger never sought wealth nor public notoriety. To him the private station was the post of honor. On August 12, 1888, the angel of death called him from the side of his faithful wife who survives him at the advanced of eighty-seven. Mr. Clevenger's religious affiliations were with the Old School or Primitive Baptists.

JOSEPH M'CRATE.

Jones City.

The site of this town is at the junction of the Columbus, Lima & Milwaukee railroad grade and the P. A. & W. (now Ohio

Northern) railroad, in Sugar Creek township, and was surveyed and laid out by Evan H. Jones, surveyor, for R. W. and Ella Jones, proprietors, in 1890.

Vaughnsville.

Vaughnsville is situated in Sugar Creek township, Putnam county, Ohio, and lies on the Northern Ohio railroad, formerly known as the P. A. & W. The town was laid out and platted into town lots in November, 1847, by D. C. Vaughn. All that part of the town that lies north of the road running east and west, commonly called the Vaughnsville and Columbus Grove road, was all there was of the town originally, and in 18— Eli Clevenger laid out and platted all that part of the town lying south of said road, which was at that time called Monterey. Vaughnsville is beautifully located, lying on the east side of Sugar Creek, and is surrounded by a prosperous and thriving farming community. Farmers are all well to do, lands under a high state of cultivation and as a rule are equipped with fine buildings, and as a consequence making Vaughnsville a good trading point.

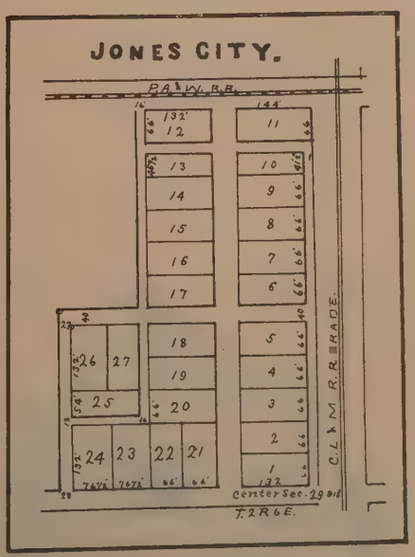
Vaughnsville has two general stores, each one carrying a well selected stock of goods of all kinds; one elevator for the buying and shipping of all kinds of grain, two blacksmith and wagon shops, one restaurant, one hardware store, one sawmill, one creamery, and one barber shop. It may be safely said that Vaughnsville is destined in the near future to cut quite a figure as a trading point and stand among the best towns in the county.

MYERS' MILL.

This mill was constructed on what was then known as the Kilcannon Rapids, on the Auglaize river, by Samuel Myers, who bought the land on which the mill stands from a man by the name of Kilcannon, in 1832.

Samuel Myers came to Putnam county in 1829, and took up or bought a piece of land in Greensburg township, on the Blanchard river. After building a house on this land he sent for his folks, who lived in Maryland. In 1832, as stated above, he bought the land on which the mill stands and erected a house on what is now known as the Andrews farm. On December 25, 1833, he married Miss Margaret Hardin, who survives her husband and is now living at that place, she being the first white woman married in the county. Mr. Myers commenced building a dam and a sawmill, which was erected on the west bank of the river, in 1834, and commenced building the grist mill on the east bank in 1836 and completed it in 1840. Mr. Myers operated this mill for many years, and since his death it has been owned by several parties and is at present the property of Mr. George W. Moore, a thrifty farmer of that vicinity and who has made extensive improvements on the property and is beautifying the ground surrounding the cite of the old mill—a favorite resort for picnics, fishing and pleasure parties.

VIEW OF THE OLD MYERS' MILL AT CASCADE.



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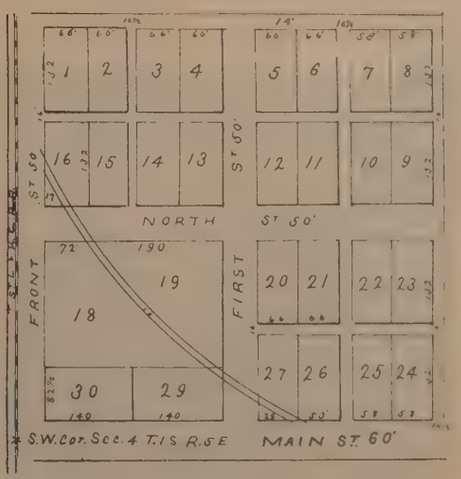

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